***THE***

***INVISIBLE***

***BLACK BRAIN***

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## ***Acknowledgemen*t**

I give the Almighty God the Glory for granting me the strength, grace, wisdom and courage to write this book.

## ***Dedication***

I dedicate this book to my family and to every patriotic citizen.

***Preface***

On 4th August 2021, several thousand protesters marched in Ghana’s capital Accra under the slogan “Fix The Country”. Dressed in red and black, they chanted patriotic songs and waved placards declaring several statements.

During these periods I asked myself, “who are they referring to fix the country? Was the country already a fixed one that demands restoration?” After careful thought, I decided to author this book to expound on what needs to be fixed first! What needs to be fixed first is our mindsets!

As a passionate citizen of Ghana, and having resided in Ghana for many years, I have well known how the average Ghanaian thinks; how our political leaders think, the decisions they make and most importantly why Ghana is still facing dire economic hardship for many years. And it is sad how life is unbearable for the average Ghanaian. I carefully thought about Ghana and Africa, and I have taken it upon myself to write this book to let us all know how we can fix this country. Yes, we can!!! It’s very simple.

After careful thoughts, I deemed it wise to aggroup my ideas and facts into a book and publish it. I believe it will be something great that will help us-not only Ghanaians or Africans but everybody-. And so, I decided to write this book.

I believe after reading this book, we won’t be blaming anybody for this economic hardship or why Africa is a setback; we won’t be blaming someone else for all these mess. Because if we are also in the position of our political leaders, we will probably do the same things they are doing or even worse.

Being a controversial book, I did everything myself, the editing, formatting, etc. and decided to self-publish it. Any suggestions, correction of grammatical errors, etc. is welcomed. However, I would want my readers to focus much on the ideas and the main subject of this book.

I hope we read it with a pure heart and mind, and decide to do away with any form of blackness in our minds. And I believe nothing can hinder us as individuals, a nation and a continent from becoming great.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who thrives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms; the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails whilst daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

## **INTRODUCTION**

Ghana is great, Africa is great. We have and even still have all it takes to be the greatest continent in this world. From our culture and traditions, natural resources, great talents and historical background, we can see that nature blessed us freely. We were endowed with innate greatness. But sadly, there was a great thing absent, a great thing. Something was not right with the people and so upon all that we were gifted with, we couldn’t make anything worthwhile from them. Something was absent: the right mentality, the right mind, the white mind.

That is the ONLY problem of Africans and Ghanaians. Something small but great: the right mindset. The African mind is full of corruption, selfishness, greediness, self-centeredness, immaturity and lack of knowledge. “For the lack of knowledge, my people perish.” Indeed, because we lacked knowledge and were puerile, the people with knowledge took advantage of us; the people with the right mentality took advantage of us and we perished.

That is history, which is the past. Now, the present: We have gained independence and freedom to manage our own affairs but sadly it would have been better if we allowed the Whites to continue to rule over us. Upon our independence and freedom, we rather made things worse. A person with the wrong mindset is valueless. What is the importance of an airplane when there isn’t any pilot to pilot it? That was our state: Greatly endowed, but we didn’t have the right mentality to make the best out of the great things we had.

As an African I strongly believe it’s about time we got to know and understand certain things; they might not sound good or sweet to our ears, but if we all can testify within us that what has been said is very true of us, then, I believe we are a step closer to making ourselves a better people. We need to pause, find the things in us that draws us back and get rid of them other than trying to justify ourselves as better or perfect people. I personally like friends who tell me the truth especially if it is something bad about me. Most times we don’t see what is wrong with us. It will be difficult to see that spot in your white shirt until someone points it out to you. If we fail to realize why national and economic development is a retrogress, then we wouldn’t achieve anything better.

This book is not meant to cause any form of racism in any way but to make each and every one conscious of what it means to have a black mind and how it in the long run affects national development and our own progress. As a weak student in mathematics, if you are able to realize you are weak in mathematics, you will plan of finding out who is better than you in the mathematics; then you will definitely want to know why it is so. Accepting that you are weak and not good like the other good student is the first step to being better. You then have to find out what makes him better than you: is it because he spends more hours studying and solving more questions in mathematics? Is it because he makes a lot of notes in class? Or is it because he pays abrupt attention during the mathematics class. After knowing what makes the difference, you are then just a step away to being like him!!!

We got to realize we are a setback as compared to those highly developed nations. We got to realize they are far better than us in terms of technological advancement, national development, a mature and sophisticated economy, GDP, diverse industrial and service sectors, and many others. This is a fact we all know. If then, we need to find out why it is so. And that is all the purpose of this book: to make us realize and accept that we got to work on ourselves as individuals, as a family, as a society, as a nation and as a continent.

It saddens my heart so much that after gaining independence and freedom, we couldn’t manage and make the best of what we had. There was something wrong!!!! There was a problem!!! I found the problem: the mindset of the people was black!!

In fact, what needs to be fixed first is ourselves, our mindsets. The president and its government cannot fix the country. We keep on changing governments, and nothing changes for better for us. Something big is wrong and it is with all of us. We got to work on ourselves.

This book is not meant to criticize or discriminate against Blacks, but to talk about what it means to have a ‘black’ mentality, not a Black skin. Having a black mindset is not only associated with Black people or Africans, no! You can be a White person but having a black mentality. The tone of the writer might sound aggressive but not for that purpose. The main purpose of this book is to expound how some people think and how it eventually affects them in terms of everything they do. This book is never meant to instigate racism; I personally don’t assent racism; each person is equally important. Every human being is important and should be treated equally and fairly, irrespective of the colour, race, religion, beliefs and root. There isn’t any form of racism in sport and see how beautiful it is. Racism is never a good thing.

This book is written with the highest form of clarity and straight to the point to make it clear without being ironic or sarcastic. ***This Book refers a ‘white person’ as a person with the right mentality and not a white skin, and a ‘black person’ as a person with a black mentality and not a black skin***. I deem this convenient to use because even the average person with a white skin has the right mentality and the average African has a black mentality. In this book, the term Black people or Black person generally refers to Blacks or Africans and a ‘black person’ has a person with a ‘black’ mindset.

After reading you will know what it means to have a black mentality or how a black minded person thinks and live their lives. The Black Mind is yet to be unfold.

## CHAPTER 1

The day I heard people rioting and proclaiming, “Fix the Country,” I shook my head and asked myself, who are they referring to fix the country?? Was the country already a fixed one that demands restoration?

I must be honest with you and that is, this beloved country of ours can never be fixed by any president or government or any political party or whatsoever: never. It takes the whole people; it takes all of us; It takes all the citizenries; young and old, scholar and non-scholar, professional and non-professional, educated and non-educated, and especially leaders of all forms to fix this beloved country of ours. If not, then, an autocratic form of government will be the alternative.

A fixed country is one that is a sovereign state, the country and its people must have a high quality of life and standard of living, the economy must be developed; our technological infrastructure must be advanced, and we must not rely on loans. Can we boast that this country was once a fixed country??? Can we?? Can we also say that this country was once a fixed country but now no longer? The truth is that we have never been self-dependent, we’ve been relying on loans and foreign countries for loans and other aids.

No president or government in Ghana ever made us a fixed country. We were not only endowed with natural resources but with great patriotic leaders who fought hard to make Africa great. Dr Kwame Nkrumah: indeed, a great legend whose name will continue to remain in the history of Africa and Ghana.

We had and still have great leaders who contributed their immense quota towards the development of this nation, yet we never became a fixed country. We have the oil, the gold, etc. we discover more oil, more gold; but we rather become poorer. We had and still have the natural resources and basically all it takes to make a country rich, self-sufficient and an advanced country, yet we keep borrowing from countries outside and from organizations. Our needs and demands for help and loans keep increasing as time goes on. Is this not sad? Is this not a big problem that needs a great concern????? Yes, and that’s why I’ve taken it upon myself to let all of us know the problem. The Problem is Our Mindset. Our mentality. The way we think.

The ‘fix the country' rioting is impotent to do anything for this country. The only way we can fix this beloved country of ours is for us to fix ourselves first. We must fix ourselves first. We must change our mindset. What a person thinks is what defines him, and we are who we are because of what we think and how we think. We as Ghanaians and Africans have a black mentality. We have to work out on ourselves first as individuals and then as a nation and then as a continent. We can do it. Together we can.

***WHO IS A ‘BLACK PERSON’?***

A ‘black person’ is not a person with a dark skin colour but a person with a black mindset; A mindset encapsulated with greed, avarice, selfishness, jealousy and unnecessary competition. All what an average Ghanaian thinks about is how to make or achieve money and his ambitions through any means; be it legal or illegal, rightful or not. He cares not. We see this clearly in our leaders. Corruption and bribery is a common thing to find in Africa. They embezzle state funds to build estates and skyscrapers, buy numerous and expensive cars, get houses here and abroad, get as many companies as they can all for personal glory; a mind that never gets content with what he has: getting all these rightfully is not wrong at all; hardworkingness must pay but sadly they mostly achieve these through state fund embezzlement.  
 The black mind is indeed a mind painted with greed and selfishness. Leaders who support illegal gold mining (galamsey) for selfish reasons without considering the negative consequences and hazards it poses on livelihood. Galamsey contaminates the air and our water bodies with mercury which when absorbed into the bloodstream gradually goes to damage the central nervous system. But we ourselves and some of our leaders tend to care less about all these and the other adverse effects it will have on our country and in the future. They don’t care that this galamsey will have all these negative effects on the country because after all, all these effects won’t affect them. They are making millions of cedis, and you are talking about destroying water bodies.

Our leaders (MP’s, ministers, lawyers, politicians…etc.) are corrupt. They have a black mentality. They need to fix themselves first by changing their mentality. The greed, selfishness and mental slavery must be out. These leaders are our representatives, and the country has been placed into their hands. What do we expect this country to be if the people representing us are full of greedy ambitions, selfishness, wickedness and unnecessary competitions. Leaders who only think of amassing wealth for themselves and nothing less; most of our present and past leaders were having this same mentality. We can’t blame only our leaders but most of the problem is with our own selves.

Our leaders were once like us, and we will be filling their positions very soon. Nothing will change if we don’t change something. We got to change our minds if we really want to make a difference; If we really want a better Ghana, a better Africa and a better world. Until we grease our minds from the greediness, selfishness and wickedness, Ghana and Africa can never become better, never; We will continue to be poor no matter the president or the government that comes into power. I always say that if the people of Canada will come to Ghana and the people of Ghana will go to Canada, within like 100 years or even 50 years, Canada will be like Ghana and Ghana will be like Canada: What changed??? The people!!!!; The content of the system. What is peculiar about the people? Is it their skin colour? Definitely not. Is it their style of dressing? Eating? Way of life? Their language? Definitely not. It is just one thing that makes the difference; the mindset; the mentality; the way of thinking. So that’s all the difference??? Yes! That’s all, that’s all. The way the two groups of people think. Let’s see how the two groups of people think….

**The Black Mentality Versus The Right Mentality**

Scholarships are given to brilliant students who graduate from the universities in Ghana to go and study abroad, gain knowledge and skills, and then come back to contribute to the development of Ghana. They promise they will and so the scholarships are given to them. The go and most of them don’t come back. These are the same people who open their mouths and say, “fix the country.” My question then: who should fix the country? It’s about time we fix ourselves first.

I say each and every one of us can fix this country if we fix ourselves first. We must start washing off the blackness off our minds; the greed, selfishness, and mercenary ambitions; that is the only way we can fix this beloved country of ours. Imagine if we have ministers, MP’s, CEO’s, managers, politicians and leaders who are honest with state funds, honest with money, and have a great love and passion for their country; what a country it will be, what an Africa it will be; because we have everything; we have all it takes to make us like and even better than those highly developed countries. We had and still have all it takes to make us better than countries like Russia, US, China, etc. and those great countries yet we are not a match to them in anything. There is something wrong then and it is with the mindset of Africans; the mindset of the people; the mentality

Ghana, Africa is like a precious, expensive device but the people handling it and controlling it are incompetent and have black minds hence it no longer becomes useful…Until there is a pilot to pilot an aeroplane, the aeroplane becomes useless and loses its value. What is the use of an aeroplane if there is no pilot to pilot it? What is the use of a ship if there is no helmsman to steer it? What is the use of a car if there is no driver to drive it? The state of a country becomes nothing to write home about if the leaders and the people to whom the country is in their hands are incompetent, dishonest, selfish and with black mentality. Our country is what it is because of the people governing it. Because of the kinds of leaders, we have and even because of the kind of people in the country. The big question then: what is wrong with the people? Nothing but our mindset!! What and how a person thinks is what defines him/her, and we are who we are because of what and how we think. Our way of thinking-our mentality-is what differentiates us.

Talk about x-ray scanning, sonography, optometry, dentistry and all other fields of study that has contributed to improvement in health. Think about how life would have been without all these modernizations which are as a result of the White person’s efforts. Talk about carbon dating, talk about the study of chemistry; which has led to the manufacture of a lot of drugs and medicine; which has led to health improvement, talk about maternal cares, pregnancy and HIV test equipment, surgical equipment. The ‘white person’ wants to know the structure of the palm oil he is using to make his stew, he then asks himself: “why is the palm oil red and not any other colour;” he asks himself interesting questions. Curiosity and knowledge-seeking drives him to research and discover. He goes ahead to utilize that knowledge to make something that will be practically beneficial.

Think about the modern medical equipment that have been made for health improvement. Imagine how life would have been without all these modernizations. Look at all the modern devices you can think of: the mobile phones, microwaves, light bulbs, cars, airplanes, ships, calculators, turbines, cars, kettles, microscope, computers, industrial machines and all these inventions. In fact, you can mention a million of these. All these made by the ‘white person.’ Not surprising, they introduced formal education to us. The things we study: Newtown’s laws, Einstein’s laws, Kepler’s Laws, Fourier’s laws, Ohm’s laws, …etc. were all proposed by a ‘white person,’ yes. A ‘white person’ spends his time and goes into the deep ocean to study and discover the things in the ocean to educate us all; he goes to find out the different species of animals and plants in the oceans. A Black person with a black mindset will never do this, I say never. The way the ‘white person’ thinks is completely different.

The ‘white person’ is an innate engineer; he researches and studies to make life comfortable, appreciable, and lovely to everyone. Without the ‘white person’ we would not have known a whole lot of things, without him we would have been ignorant of many things. Without the ‘white person,’ we wouldn’t have known a lot of things, nature wouldn’t have been something appreciable, we wouldn’t have known what a sperm is, its structure, its journey to the female egg, how a foetus develops into a full human being. Think of the interesting things we learn in school; the biology, the physics, the chemistry, the science, the mathematics; appreciable knowledge. The knowledge in these subjects has led to many wonderful inventions like aeroplane, ships, engineering devices and equipment, cars, mobile phones, electrical equipment, and many others. Without these, life would have been more uncomfortable.

Almost everything in the industry is as a result of the application of the knowledge in sciences due to the efforts of the ‘white person’. Now we understand why a leaf is green, why the sky is blue. We even know what is inside of us -our internal organs- and even their functions. We now know and understand how some animals live in their habitat, what they eat, how they reproduce. We even have information about organisms in the deep oceans as a result of the ‘white person’s efforts. Don’t we now appreciate nature more?? This even makes us wonder about the creation of God and realize how great God is in wisdom, power and majesty. By virtue of the effort of the ‘white person,’ man can go even beyond the earth (into space) to explore, learn and discover what is there. We now know the number of planets in the universe, why the sun is hot, what causes an eclipse.

I bet you that if it had not been the ‘white person,’ we would have been ignorant of many things. We could have never ever understood and appreciated nature like we used to. Now we see what the ‘white person’ spends his time doing; what drives them, how they think. Their mentality is focused on making this world a better place to live in. No wonder their country is more like heaven to us. Without the ‘white person’ we wouldn’t have appreciated and understood nature very well. We now understand why a stone will fall back when it is thrown into the air.

In fact, the ‘white person’ is superior and incomprehensible. The ‘white person’ is unique. It takes witchcraftiness and satanism to doubt this fact. They are incomparable. What makes them so?? The way they think!!!! The way the ‘white person’ thinks; He has the right mentality. Most of the things we use in our modern world were all discovered and made by the ‘white person’ first. They invented it. Get into your kitchen: the kettle, the microwave, the electric stove; Just imagine how life would have been without the ‘white person.’

We have copied almost everything the Whites do: sonography, microscopic studies, birth control methods, religion and sports (football, basketball, tennis ball…. etc.) have all been copied by us. We’ve even adopted their way of dressing, their language and way of life. Because everything they do is much more sensible than ours. So, we are doing nothing but just copying them. We end up copying them in terms of everything. We prefer to patronize in foreign goods other than local goods. Why because theirs is far better and convenient. If you doubt me, I dare you to stop using anything pertaining to ‘white person’ invention and see how life will become miserable and difficult for you. Don’t use a car, don’t take flight, don’t use those kitchen equipment even for some months and you will see how the ‘white person’ has contributed to making this world a better and a more comfortable place to live in.

Africans we are so black to admit truth. The starting point of our success is for us to acknowledge and accept that we are inferior whereas they are superior. Get to know what is causing the difference and make the Change. That is what we need. But we rather try to justify ourselves to be better more than the ‘white person’. We are unmatchable to them!!! We lack something; that is a rightful mind; The Right Mentality.

The ‘white person’ was like ‘we walk a long distance just to meet someone thus dispensing a lot of energy and time, why don’t we make something we can drive(control) which can take us to our destination faster and also more comfortable and thus saving time and energy?’ He then started making something called a car. Another person was like ‘if I want to talk to my friend at a far distance, I can only do that by means of seeing that person face to face. Can’t I make something which I can speak through, and the other person will hear?.’ He thus worked towards making the mobile phone we use today. Interesting. Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. He made a lot of errors and failed several times, but he never gave up. For what at all? For what reason? It wasn’t because of the money he will get from it, no. The main motive was to do something that will solve or abate the problem of darkness in the night which makes visibility difficult and slows down activities. You see how the ‘white person’ thinks?????

Recently, see the inception of VAR (Video Assistant Referee) in football; the ‘white person’ thinks of how he can make things better, more comfortable, more fair, more reliable…. The way a ‘white person’ thinks is absolutely unique. All they think is how to make something that will make this world a more comfortable place to live; how to make things better; how to do things in a better way. No wonder we’ve copied almost everything they do. We copy and imitate them in terms of everything. Talk about sports, education, food, way of life, style of dressing; we patronize their songs, movies, books, etc. other than ours. Why because everything they do is more sensible, nicer, faster, more comfortable, reliable and far better than ours. Why is it so? The way they think. If only Africans will have a change of mentality, we will be far better because we have all it takes to be. The *only* thing we lack is the right mentality, the right mindset.

The person with the right mentality wants to do something that will contribute to advancement in technology, nature and improve upon the quality of the life of man and not for his personal gains, not for his financial gains, no. Now, we can see clearly how the ‘white person’ thinks, and how the ‘black person’ thinks. (NB: In this context/book I don’t refer a ‘black person’ as a person with a dark skin colour but a person with a black mentality and a ‘white person’ as a person with the right mentality but sadly most people with dark complexions being Africans have a black mentality: a greedy and selfish mindset)

The ‘white person’ thinks about what he can do that will contribute to the advancement in technology, nature, and improve upon the quality of life, not for personal gains. For the ‘black person,’ if it will not bring money into his pockets, then forget it. He won’t do it. If it won’t bring food on our tables, we won’t do it. But if it will bring us money or food on our table, we are super ready to do it rightfully, wrongfully, or illegally. We care not. This is what we mean to have a black mentality and that is why we never advance because our leaders and we ourselves have a black mentality: a mind full of greed, corruption and self-centeredness.

Another example is examination malpractices. With the black mind, if during exams you refuse to engage in examination malpractice with your friend or classmate in the examination center, your classmates will give you all sort of bad names that you are stingy, wicked and all that. You see, everybody has 24hours in a day, no human being has more or less than that. We all have the same time in a day. And moreover, everyone has his/her own will. You decide what you want to do at anytime. So, if you decided not to learn for an exam and you didn’t pass, you shouldn’t blame anybody. If you just want to pass, just learn, so simple. Me teaching you in the examination hall may seem like I am helping you but rather I am causing you harm and moreover it will have an effect on everyone one-day.

Imagine always teaching or writing exams for a fellow medical student and he gets high marks; where these marks doesn’t reflect the knowledge, capability and strength of the real person. To everyone the marks depicts how competent that medical student will be after school but yet that is not him. Examination malpractices is now accepted and seen as rather a form of help instead of us to see it as something malignant, maybe not now but in the future. It goes a long way to produce incompetent engineers, incompetent pilots, incompetent computer programmers, accountants, lawyers, doctors, …. etc. A petroleum engineer who doesn’t even know whether crude oil is a liquid or gas. He will tell you he has forgotten. He will tell you to wait for him to refer to a particular lecture slide. Such a shame. Of course, I’m exaggerating but it’s not far from being real.

We think professionalism is the only mode of success. And so, everybody wants to become a doctor, pilot, pharmacist, engineer…. etc. by all means. If you have the skills and abilities in sewing, have great plans and dream big; plan of being the greatest fashion designer in Ghana. Try new things, challenge yourself to achieving the best. We can make the best of whatever we have. You can make the best of anything you have. You can make greatness of whatever and wherever you find yourself. You can be an artist and make greatness out of it. You can be a comedian and make greatness out of it. It all depends on you. If we have this understanding, we will not be so much aggressive in a lot of things we do. We won’t be aggressive to achieve fake WASSCE (West Africa Senior Schools Certificate Examinations) results; a result which doesn’t reflect our strength or capability. We won’t be buying questions to pass exams. Failing exams is not the end of you. Failing in something is not the end of you. Maybe, it’s just informing you to try another opportunity which you might find so easy to do.

Each person is great. We all can’t be great through the same path, never. Someone is known worldwide because of his singing talent, another person through football, another person through comedy, another person through displaying magic, another person through YouTube, …etc. When will we, Africans realize this? We only think we can achieve success through schooling and so we do everything legally or illegally in order to become a scholar or get a degree.

Another clear and disgusting example has to do with the leakage of examination questions during periods of examinations like BECE (Basic Education Certificate Education), WASSCE, ……etc. Why should this happen? All because of greed. The person or group of people who do this will definitely be getting money from such awful acts and not considering the adverse effect it will have on us in the future, yes! And doing that he thinks he is rather helping the students to pass the exams; pass the exams to come and kill us in the future? The ‘black person’ doesn’t think about the future. He only thinks about the present. The students write the exams with leaked questions, gets satisfactory results which doesn’t reflects their strengths and capabilities. The person who leaks the questions will probably get money from it that’s why he/she does so. These are the thoughts of a ‘black person’ who leaks examination questions: Let me leak these exams to help the students pass, after all, I have also been a student; we all had the questions, I also had a leaked question which made me pass, so let me do same to help these students pass. It’s not easy to be a student. Then he leaks the questions: such a silly, animalistic mindset. You see how a ‘black person’ thinks?? He doesn’t think about the impact this will have on the students and the nation and even if not himself his generations to come.

A scenario: a student who hates and doesn’t perform well in biology and chemistry subjects but excellently performs well in mathematics and likes programming wants to pursue pharmacy as a program; maybe because his/her parents want him/her to be a pharmacist in future or for any personal reasons pertaining to him/her. This is very common. Or maybe the student himself wants to offer that program because of how society has hyped certain programs as ‘high-class programs.’ He ends up finding any other means to get good results in biology and chemistry since an excellent grade is required for that program. This person knows he isn’t good in chemistry and biology and that pharmacy is more centered on these two subjects yet still he wants to offer it, you see. Through Exams malpractices, exams leakages or bribery and corruption, he manages to offer that program. And this will eventually produce an incompetent pharmacist. A pharmacist not driven with passion for the job. If he really wanted to offer pharmacy and claims he has passion for that program it must reflect in biology and chemistry. You can’t tell me you like to pharmacy whilst you hate chemistry and biology. You can’t tell me you want to be a very great engineer whilst you hate calculations and critical thinking. You can’t tell me you hate mathematics and programming but have a passion to be a computer engineer or programmer.

Exams malpractices, exams leakages, bribery and corruption in admission of students will in the long run produce incompetent future medical doctors, pharmacist, surgeons, financial accountants, ministers, lawyers and fake engineers, people who steal state money to start huge businesses and investment and will come and be claiming to be business tycoons. Do we expect development with these? Never.

The ‘white person’ is passion-driven in whatever career they find themselves irrespective of whether they receive the least salary or not. They think about what they can do to contribute to development and a comfortable life to all and sundry and not necessarily for their selfish gains. A teacher teaches passionately so as a driver drives happily. Everybody enjoys what he/she is doing and because of that they contribute their maximum quota in whatever field of study they work in- that is what has changed the world-. If Africans will be passion-driven in choosing our careers, Africa will be a much better place. Here we are: If students are going to be allowed to pursue any program of study irrespective of their results, I bet you that, you won’t find any student offering programs like agricultural science, aquaculture, science, animal science…. etc.: not even a single soul. That is Africa for you. Our mentality: we’ve deemed some programs superior and other programs as inferior. I believe every program is great in its own way.

Messi, Ronaldo in their own way of sport have moved the world. Musicians in their own way are making this world a better place. It takes everybody in different angles, different sectors and different fields to make this world a better place. Imagine if everyone becomes a medical doctor, or pilot or physician. who will drive that train you take to work? Who will cook that food you order from that restaurant? And who will go and farm for you to eat? Everyone plays a role in this life and so no program is better or more important than the other. No professional is much more important than the other; it might be, but every professional is important.

Let’s be passion driven and work to contribute our outermost quota and Africa will be a great place. We need engineers, doctors, programmers, pastors, farmers, teachers…etc. who are very passionate about what they do and not just after money or anything else. We must be passion-driven. Wherever there is passion there is excellence. With passion excellence is not force-driven. Where passion is lacking there is incompetency.

Another effect of this examination leakages and malpractices is that it chokes the system!! Maybe, only 100 students will have been qualified to read medicine if the exams had been genuine and devoid of any leakages, but because of the leakage, more than 200 student's results shows that they can read medicine. Here in the case both the genuinely good ones who are actually qualified and those who are not actually qualified are all in good stands to read the medicine per their results. The university can never determine who is actually better. And if the university can admit, let’s say, 70 people only, it will end up denying this program to a lot of the students who are well equipped and qualified for such program and rather offer it to some of the students who are not actually qualified. These really qualified students who have been denied the medicine will end up offering other programs other than the medicine.

If examinations are going to be fair and we students are going to be passion driven, a lot of students will be offering programs they really like and programs they really deserve, yes! We have a whole lot of scholars with PhD and whatever and yet they aren’t contributing anything significant in their field. If examinations are going to be very fair right from BECE to WASSCE, we are going to produce qualified students to read their program of choice. Quality will be achieved and not quantity. Quality is better than quantity.

The only thing we think of is sex, food and sleep: nothing less, nothing more. Our mindset is very childish and so black. The universities will end up admitting students who are not qualified for a particular program to pursue such programs and even through what we term as ‘protocol'. Here we are: no matter how a student is unqualified to read a particular program, he still wants to read or offer that program. Monies are paid to get preferred programs. I ask myself are we after what our heart is yearning for? Are we driven by passion? No.

The lay man wants to offer the so-called big programs like petroleum engineering, electrical engineering, pharmacy, medicine, optometry, etc. even if he isn’t passion driven to offer that program or even if he is not qualified for that program. Everyone wants to be great thinking future greatness is only achieved when one reads medicine, pharmacy, optometry, petroleum engineering and all the other 'big programs.’ Our understanding is very poor. Sad. Everybody wants to become a professional because we think that means success.

I believe formal education is a key to success but Not THE Key!!! It’s about time we make things clear to all and sundry. You don’t need a bachelor’s degree before you will be rich or become someone great in future. You only need to think. I believe each and every one of us have something unique in us which is very great and peculiar in our own way. We need to work on ourselves and contribute our quota towards the development of our country, Africa and the world at large.

Each and every one of us has his/her own talents, gifts and capabilities peculiar to him/her. I believe among the millions of sperms, God chose you because you had something peculiar. Why then should we be moved by what others are doing. Look at footballers, most make money even more than professionals, engineers and scholars. Knowing your strength, capabilities and what drives you is an ultimate key to success. Working on it means you are already there. With determination, the rightful thoughts, hardworkingness and perseverance, Success is a must.

The black mind thinks formal education is the only key to success and so when a young student fails in the WASSCE and can’t make it to the university or tertiary, he/she starts to feel inferior compared to his mates who have made it to the tertiary and so he feels left out and starts scamming and slaying around because he/she thinks that he has already failed in life; and so a school-drop out feels his life has come to an end, forgetting that each and everyone has a unique lever and fulcrum on which to place it with which we can move the world.

Indeed Ronaldo, Messi, Maradona moved the world. Not with a PhD? Not with a degree? But with talent, passion, determination, persistence and hardworkingness. It’s about time we know each and every one of us has a unique talent peculiar to himself/herself. In Ghana here, a person who cannot speak good English is seen as bubble-headed and an inept person. We judge the intelligence and capability of a person by his abilities to speak good English, write good essays, solve equations, and 'chew' formulas and definitions. We are confused. You don’t need a BECE or WASSCE certificate to start thinking. Albert Einstein seeing an apple fall by itself sparked a lot of thoughts in his head and here we are with the law of gravity. You can think and discover something anywhere, anytime and any moment. Look at Charles Darwin; went to spend about five weeks at the Galapagos islands all because he wanted to learn, he wanted to discover, wanted to understand, he wanted to explore and today he is one of the greatest naturalist, geologist and biologist.

The ‘white person’ does not always think about money only!!!!!! People with black minds think only about money and their personal gains. Some of these Ghanaian lecturers are very lazy. They set questions anyhow and mark them anyhow. They don’t make time for the work they do. All that they think about is their money. Yet they are the first people to say government and our leaders aren’t performing their duties well. We are all part of the reason Ghana is what it is today. The person with the right mentality always thinks about the other person, not only him/herself; he thinks about his/her nation.

Just recently in 2021, some Chinese who have been in the cocoa business in Ghana for just about a year have been able to invent a cocoa processing machine that can peel off the cocoa husk and beans shell/seed shell, thus saving time and labor. On the other hand, the Ghanaians have been in the cocoa business for more than 140 years and yet not even a nail-like device was invented to increase productivity. Very astonishing. It’s a shame!!! Now we see the difference between a White person and a Black person?! The way they think, period. That’s all the difference.

Africans don’t like change. These workers were using their hands to peel off the cocoa husk and beans shell and never thought of how to make this fast. They were just complacent because after all they will get money to buy food and something for the road. They should have thought, ' this thing wastes a lot of time, why don’t we make a machine that can do all these? This will save us productive hours, and even increase productivity and work output’ They never thought like that. But when these Chinese people came into the business, they showed they think differently. We must learn to work smart and not hard. When you refuse to use your brain, it is the body that suffers.

We are poor but we want to do things that big men do. Nonsense. We’ve copied almost everything the Whites do, yet we are not a match to anything pertaining to them. When I see convoy, I just shake my head. Poor country, you are also doing convoy? Certain things are not important now. We need to think up, we need to reason again, we need to wise up. We are all corrupt, from our leaders to the youth and the younger generation. The Youth: we chase and get luxuries to look rich, yet we are poor. Ghana, Africa; we copy, imitate and do things like the highly developed countries but we are wretched. Everything is insane in Africa!! Everything in Ghana is not correct. Everything is a mess. Everything has a problem, including the people. We need a reformation!!!

The man with the right mentality thinks of how to make this world a better place. This world would be a better place if we love each other. People with the right mentality think about each other. They love each other. This world is modernized with infrastructures, machineries, inventions, modern tools and devices because of the way the people were thinking. A person with the right mentality is basically an engineer; he wants to solve problems, he wants to make things work in a better way, he wants to speed up a process, he wants to invent, he wants to explain, he wants to know why. Every engineer is a problem solver, and any problem solver is an engineer. This world is what it is because of engineers. What drives the engineer is the mindset; the mindset to solve problems, the mindset to make things better.

If we begin to change our wrong mentality, we will begin to see a change in our lives. A person with the right mentality is automatically an engineer because his mind is centered on solving problems, his mind is centered on making life better. And so, I can say that a person with the right mentality is an engineer.

There is a big difference between the leaders in Africa and those in the White man’s country and that is our leaders aren’t patriotic; they don’t think about their nation and its people; they only think about themselves and their families; they don’t love their nation; the nation is not part of their plans; the nation is not a priority to them. That is the reason Africa is what it is today. That is the main setback of Africa. We have selfish and greedy leaders. The White leaders focus on making their nation great and so they contribute their utmost quota towards building their nation and making it great. They are passion driven, work as a team and love their nation. Their engineers, scholars, professionals, graduates, politicians, ministers…. Etc. are all passion driven and focus on making their nation great together and we see this clearly. Those nations are indeed highly developed.

We have to build the nation as a team and not as families or tribes. We build the nation as engineers, as inventors, as scholars, as changers and not as individuals. It takes unity, TEAMWORK, passion and love to build a nation and African leaders lack these. African leaders put their political parties first even before the nation; they love, defend and support their party in any way whether good or bad. Their fellow politician in the same party is engaging in corruption but they keep quiet in order keep a good name for the party.

African leaders only think about themselves; how to build mansions, buy expensive cars, get fame, make their families rich and even leave the country at last. The average Black person has a wicked mindset. This is so common such that when you want to do the right thing you rather look odd, and your fellows will dislike you. Leaders who put the welfare of their party, families and relatives, friends, their ego, their personality and reputation first before the welfare of their nation: Disgusting! Corruption, stealing, funds embezzlement in Ghana and Africa has become the order of the day; a common thing, especially among our leaders and what more can we do about this. It’s even sad the laws to even deal with such people are rather also in these same people’s hands, so who will enforce the laws to deal with them? The same law-enforcers are those who breach the laws.

We Africans don’t know how to balance our lives. We don’t know how to balance affection with national development and so that manager will employ that incompetent fellow just because he is his cousin and not thinking about the negative effect this will have on the company and gradually the nation. And so most people occupying positions are really undeserving. Should we expect national development whilst incompetency is almost in every organization, company, etc.? We shouldn’t. We have the resources but the people managing our affairs are incompetent and unpatriotic. A valuable thing loses its value when it’s being handled by an incompetent person, and so we are endowed with all these tremendous natural resources, yet we are poor and keep getting poorer.

Let’s take it back to history: prior to independence on March 6, 1957, Ghana was called the Gold Coast. The earliest Europeans to set foot on the land were the Portuguese in the 15th century (1471). On their arrival, they found so much gold between the rivers Ankobra and the Volta that they named the area “da Mina,” meaning “The Mine.” Can you imagine? A Gold Coast. We had so much gold. The country is endowed with rich natural resources. We had and still have timber, gold, diamonds, bauxite, manganese, and oil. The White people came to our land because of our natural resources. We should be wealthier than those European countries because we were rich, we had the natural resources they were lacking. We had all it takes to make a nation self-sufficient and highly developed, but something was wrong. The people having these resources don’t think right, the people to whom these resources have been entrusted to are not ‘correct.’ And so, all these valuable things were not even valuable to us to the extent that we began to exchange these precious things for petty stuffs like mirror. We didn’t know the value of what we had, and it seems up till now we still don’t know.

We still don’t know the value of prioritizing national development over family, prioritizing national development over personal gains, yes! And so, we are destroying our precious water bodies just so we can get our selfish money. It’s so sad. A country that was once called a gold coast is now a coast of shells and stones, a coast of destroyed lands and water bodies. We are rich in food resources, vegetation, water resources, minerals (like gold, bauxite, diamond, manganese …etc.), oil and many others yet we are still poor. These European countries that had nothing are now rather rich. A valuable thing in the hand of an incompetent person becomes worthless. That is the story of Africa. And sadly, we seem not to learn. The young girls are super ready to give their virginity out for iPhone. Our mentality is animalistic. We haven’t changed. We are still childish and silly and so the Whites are still stealing from us. They are still fooling us.

When Black people get the opportunity to naturalize or acquire citizenship of other countries (the White people’s country), they don’t hesitate. Some even go to the extent of exchanging their first citizenship/ nationality. This is not so with the Whites. They respect and prioritize their nationality, and so, it is real to see a White person naturalizing with another country whereas, this is very common among us.

Give a huge amount of money to the average Ghanaian youth even especially the so-called scholar, university student or university graduate and see what he will use the money for. The first thing you will see is he will go and get the latest iPhone without even thinking about how he can stabilize his financial life through investment and profitable business. The white man’s inventions has always bewitched us. We seem to have been bewitched by whatever the ‘white person’ offers and so it shouldn’t surprise us that our forefathers did exchange gold for mirror because we are worse, and we are doing the same thing or even worse but just that we haven’t realized it. The next thing he will think of is soccer betting with the money. The youths are wasting their money and time on betting. The main focus of a young boy in Ghana is getting a beard, girlfriend ...etc.

The youth are not focused on important things at all. We rather give more focus on less important things. We don’t prioritize inventing, writing books, improving, national development, fighting against bribery and corruption but we rather focus on worthless things. The pride of the youth is having latest iPhone, having beard, ‘chopping’ girls and working in ‘big’ companies. To us, that’s all life is about and so the average youth’s daydream is achieving these things. And when they do so they want to show it off on Snapchat and other social media handles; that’s all we know. Whilst little kids in China are learning how to make a mini-robot, toy car we are thinking about less important things.

It’s sadder that the youths who call themselves scholars are rather the most aimless people. The illiterate youth will rather think about investing the money into a personal business and the likes whilst the scholar will rather use the money for secondary things. What we take pride in is sad. The ‘white person’ takes pride in inventions, book authorship, law proposals and we see the positive impacts it has had on national development whereas the average Black youth only takes pride in holding the latest phone, being at the university and snapshotting to show he is also modernized or so-called civilized.

Most of the Ghanaian youths being at home or vacation spend their precious time mainly on TikTok, Snapchat, …etc. without even thinking of doing something more productive. In Africa, we take pride in schooling and not education. Never confuse education with schooling. They’re completely two different things. In Ghana we school students and don’t educate them and so they come out or graduate and can’t contribute anything to make life better.

I suggest as part of the measures to make Ghana better, a course which is centered on what it means to have a black mentality and a right mentality should be introduced and made compulsory for all students right from basic school to the tertiary. This will help to extirpate our black mentality. Gradually we will be raising leaders with the right mindset.

We talk about slave trade where these Whites enslaved us and maltreated us and all that. To me, I think we shouldn’t be blaming them. They were surprised at our actions, for example, for us to exchange gold for mirror might have surprised them and they loss respect for us. So, they started treating us like animals because we were behaving as such. They were surprised how immature and childish we were. Generally, the ‘white person’ is kind and won’t maltreat a person, but something pushed them to do so. Our mindset is so childish and annoying and even surprising. So, we made them to lose respect for us. We made them to!!

Talk about ‘Ghana man time’ where any time given for any occasion, meeting, interview and any other gathering is never adhered to. If a meeting is announced to start 8:00 am, a Ghana man will add his own allowance to it, and so will probably come around 9:00 am, and this is a very common thing; it seems to have been a norm and a habit among many people, everybody knows, and because of this, the one organizing the program knowing how Ghanaians treat time, will also announce the starting of the program as 8:00am whilst he knows the actual time to commence the program is an hour later. This behavior shows we don’t appreciate time and we don’t know the value of time. Unlike the ‘white person,’ we aren’t conscious of time. We don’t value time.

When I hear people blaming president, government, politicians, leaders…etc. I muse because the main problem is not with them. The development of a country, as far as democracy is concerned, does not depend on any president or government. We need to get this. Ghanaians, Africans always think a president, or a particular political party or government can change the state of the country and the people, and when they are given the power, the economy gets worse. Let me make it clear again that we shouldn’t expect any government, political party, and our political leaders only to cause a drastic change in our economy, never.!! It can’t be done as far as democracy is concerned in our way of ruling. Never.

People like managers of companies, directors, CEO’s, board of directors, executives, and all kind of leaders contribute massively in terms of national development. I tell you!!!! We hear of managers embezzling state funds, we hear of directors doing same, we hear of executives, CEO’s and the other kind of leaders engaging in bribery and corruption. Even just a hear-drop of their salary which doesn’t include allowances, privileges and all that is mind-blowing. This kind of people are those who are causing treason and big damage to our nation. This kind of people are those who are embezzling our funds. Whilst there are graduates working and toiling and yet receive petty salaries. Teachers, lecturers and many other professionals in Ghana receive small salaries whilst most of the money goes to those thieves-those politicians- who do nothing but lie every day.

Out politicians lie, the leaders lie and sadly the young ones do same. Even elections among tertiary students are full of corruption. The SRC president is corrupt and so he appoints his friends into office whether they are competent or not: the black mind; we never learn how to balance our lives; how to put things to where they belong to. The youths are corrupt. We can’t be honest with small funds, how much more huge funds? The future of this nation is indeed not safe. Young leaders are even corrupt. So, the problem is everybody in the country, not only our leaders!!

Before leaders or politicians are given power, they look extremely innocent. They beg and solicit for votes with all diligence, making both realistic and unrealistic promises and doing everything in their might to make sure they get power. The more politicians beg and solicit for votes, the more they will cause harm. You ask yourself why are they so desperate to get that position? Under normal circumstance, I shouldn’t be begging a person in order to help such a person. I rather expect the person to beg me and not vice versa. It is only someone who wants something for himself who begs. No wonder these politicians beg and cry for votes and when they are given position and power they only think of their bellies. After power, they only think about themselves. Politicians who beg for votes are only anxious to come to power to also embezzle state funds and make wealth for themselves.

Someone who has great and genuine plans for you won’t be begging that much for you to just give him power so he can help you. Why should he beg?? After all, you will benefit most. Let’s think twice before voting. People who beg only wants something for themselves. At the University I see political students vying for portfolios anxiously and desperately such that they miss lectures and all that and I ask myself, what at all do they want??? Why are they so anxious about getting those portfolios? such that they even miss numerous lectures. The simple answer is that they are anxious for nothing but their selfish gains; they are anxious for money, fame, power and not anxious to help the school or the students. And this is exactly how our leaders are. The more they beg, the more they are anxious for selfish gains.

So, you see the reason our country, Ghana never gets better but rather we get worse?? We see why Africa rather gets worse in terms of almost everything?!! Yes, because we have a very big problem!! The problem is not at the white house, it is not so much in parliament, but rather it roots up and its backbone is in companies, corporations (especially the oil corporations and companies), organizations, yes! The problem of Ghana is not at the white house!!!! Since 2000 we’ve changed between two most trusted political parties in Ghana, for every eight years, we make a change and I believe after this term also, there will be a change: funny. The problem is not with any political party or government or any president or whatever, the problem is with all of us especially those occupying the leadership positions whether great or less, big or small, highly positioned or lowly positioned, belonging to political party A or B; that is where we need to focus our eyes on and strictly make sure all forms of corruption and silliness in any form is done away with.

Corruption has crept into the management of almost all companies in Ghana and that is what is killing our economy gradually. Everybody is corrupt. I would wish the current government would resign now for any party or whatever to take over. Nothing will change. Things will still be worse. The problem is with everybody most especially our leaders, but we shouldn’t blame them, because we are as corrupt and ‘black’ as them. Ghana’s problem is beyond politics. That is the problem. Everybody!!!!

Look at Tema Oil Refinery, money embezzlement and stealing are common things, and we hear about it in the radio. Almost everybody there is stealing even including some drivers. It was broadcasted on a radio station how some drivers have been causing financial lost to the company; being sent to transport oil tanks containing oil, they manage to mix it with foreign materials which reduces the quality of the crude oil, thus definitely they steal some of the oil and mix what’s left. I don’t blame them. They’ve contracted the virus of stealing, the virus of corruption from their leaders. Leaders are stealing so when the lay man also gets the opportunity he also wants to steal. Black people, Black Sense!!!! Black Mind!!!!

There is stealing, bribery and corruption in almost all the other big companies, organizations and corporations we know. And that’s what is causing this great havoc of economic hardship because that is where the money is. The money is in those places. Those big companies, organizations and corporations. The money is there. Yet we blame our leaders while we forget the roots. A little sector of the economy is full of corruption, how much more the bigger sectors. We have to start checking the smaller sectors first then the bigger ones.

Hostel booking at the universities, admission to secondary schools, the universities, etc. are even full of corrupt activities. Even with these little things, we can’t be honest and fair with it. They intentionally post a NSS personnel at an extremely far place because they know he/she won’t like it and will definitely want to change his/her place of posting and of course the person will pay money for that to be done. So, these people intentionally post NSS personnel at far places so that they will come and pay: black mindset.

No wonder, we discover more oil, gold and many other resources, yet we get poorer and poorer because those to whom we give these resources to manage, use the opportunity to increase their wealth; with black mentality they aren’t satisfied with whatever they get in this life, they never think about the wellbeing of the country, but their selfish ambitions only do they feed. Wicked People!!! That’s why the poor in Ghana always gets poorer whilst the rich always gets richer. They only think of building houses and owning properties both here and abroad, they send their children and family members abroad to study, receive medical treatment and even send their wives abroad just to deliver.

There is this organization in Ghana, some parts of Africa and some parts of the world called Compassion International. A ‘white person’ abroad sponsors a young child who comes from a poor family. The sponsor helps the child with gifts, provisions, school fees, hospital bills and many others. The sponsor hasn’t even seen the child physically before but helps him/her financially. Such kindness!!! The sponsor hasn’t seen the child before. Perhaps it can be scam? The sponsor doesn’t think as such. The sponsor shows love without thinking negatively. No wonder God has blessed their kind heart. A black minded person will never ever do this. Even the person right in front of us pleading for help is ignored, we don’t even mind him/her, how much more someone we haven’t seen before!!

Sadly, some of the managers, directors, accountants and casual workers who have been employed as workers in this organization are rather corrupt. They find it difficult to offer what belongs to the beneficiary. Something that doesn’t belong to them. It is for the beneficiary, yet they set unnecessary conditions before giving what belongs to the beneficiary to them. And they expect praises to be given to them as if they are the ones helping the beneficiary. They are paid for whatever work they do. They receive monthly salaries, stipends, allowances and they even go on leave as well. Yet they are stingy with what doesn’t even belong to them. I ask myself this question ‘The money doesn’t even belong to them, and they are doing this? What if it belonged to them???'. Most of them have their children also as beneficiaries. Something for poor people yet they add their children as beneficiaries. This is nothing but greediness and avarice. That is a ‘black person’ for you. Black People!! No wonder God made us black. Unarguably black doesn’t depict something good. Light is better than darkness. Even in Africa and the whole world black actually symbolizes something bad. We wear black clothes to funerals and white to joyous ceremonies like wedding, naming ceremony, and others, yes! White unarguably signifies something good and black signifies the opposite.

During The Covid-19 periods, free vaccines were given to many other countries including Ghana. The virus was even killing them more than any other people, but they distributed vaccines freely to other countries First. But here we are; most of the Ghanaian youth (the boys especially) are doing what? Scamming and frauding the Whites for money. That’s a ‘black person’ for you. Full of negativity and fraud. Black Minds.

This is what we have to start fixing first: our minds; our mentality, and our way of thinking and seeing things. It’s about time we change our mentality; a mindset devoid of greediness, selfishness, childishness, wickedness and self-centeredness; a mind centered on promoting the good and welfare of people and the nation at large. The day we start fixing our minds, we start the journey of fixing this country and it must start from our leaders more importantly, because they are our representatives. They have been given the power to control and rule this country. Children and the young ones coming up must be educated on what it means to have a black mind, why Ghana and Africa is a setback and all we need in order to make a change is just a change of the way we think. Together we can make it. It takes all of us, both educated and uneducated, professional and non-professional, scholar and non-scholar, young and old. Everybody got to start the journey of fixing this beloved country. It takes all of us to make it. Together we can. Let’s a deterge our mindset.

Of course, there will be a few black sheep among us. It’s normal but if the majority of the people have the right mentality, it’s enough. And let me say that one of the things that change the mentality of people is godliness and a sense of morality-a very important factor-.

## CHAPTER 2

***Bribery and Corruption***

One of the greatest setbacks of Africa is bribery and corruption. That is one of the things that has caused a lot of mess in our economy. Bribery and corruption is seen everywhere: right from examination malpractices, leakage of examination questions, employment, admission of students, and in fact in almost everything we do. The cause of this is our mindset. Almost everybody is corrupt, so we don’t check up on each other. Every selfish person is corrupt. If our leaders hate bribery and corruption they will work and fight against it, and the rate of bribery and corruption in Ghana will be reduced. We need to fight against corruption together: right in the classroom, in the market, at home, at the workplace. It’s not only about our leaders, but we must also be involved.

Most importantly our leaders must fight against corruption. We must enact and enforce laws that will deal with anybody guilty of fund embezzlement, bribery and any act of corruption. The laws should be irrespective of persons. Any form of corruption anywhere be it in school, various organizations, examination centers, companies, and among leaders and managers should be highly dealt with it. It’s about time force is applied. When persuasion fails force must be applied. Force must be applied in making the people think and act right. Corruption is the main thing we need to deal with. In a country well-governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of but in a country poorly governed wealth is something to be ashamed of. We need leaders who themselves are corrupt-free to help fight against corruption everywhere and in any form. Anti-corruption agents should be trained, and organizations set to fight and combat against corruptions everywhere. We need more of such people and organizations in Ghana.

We don’t like reading. We don’t like to research. We don’t read news. We don’t update ourselves. There are a lot of scholarships available to freshmen students of public, private universities and vocational institutions and a whole lot of scholarships and opportunities to study abroad. Yet, most of us are ignorant of these because we don’t like reading news. We don’t follow news on other sites. All we know Is to TikTok, Snapchat and be on social media the whole day. We don’t educate ourselves. We aren’t moved by curiosity to ask interesting questions in our minds and get answers to them. We don’t have time to make good use of the immense opportunity Google search offers to us. We are only ready to learn what is in our slides. We just learn to pass exams and not to allow what we learn have an impact on us by spending time to understand whatever we learn.

There are Ghanaians on scholarships outside the country, yet they have been abandoned. Some find it difficult to afford a three meal daily. Yet our leaders brag to be sponsoring citizens outside, yet, these beneficiaries are not being given the maximum care and stipends that will give them a comfortable life to live and study abroad. We are just interested in making a good name in the news, yet we don’t depict what we say we are. Here in Ghana, we take everything as a joke. We make fun of everything. We make jokes out of everything.

We ourselves are more corrupt and careless. A student opens a tap to maybe fetch water, he realizes the water isn’t flowing and instead of closing the tap he carelessly leaves it like that and goes. After a while, the water starts flowing and because the tap is opened, much water flows wastefully. He cares not because after all it won’t be a cost to him. Do you think if it were to be his own water he purchased, he would do that? Definitely not. I personally witness this almost every day. This kind are the same people who open their mouths and say fix the country. As careless as we are!! This is the problem of most of us. We are very careless about things which directly don’t affect us. With this example, to him it won’t affect him, but when there is water shortage this is the same person who will be first to complain. This is very practical and applicable to a lot of things we do. We indirectly contribute to the poor National development and societal problems in our country. We indirectly are a part of the reasons why Ghana, Africa isn’t developing to our satisfaction. We are indirectly a cause of the poor system.

We try to support examination malpractices and exams leakages. If a student tries to abide by examination rules, he is rather seen as wicked, jealous and a greedy person. You see how the average Black person thinks? We think completely opposite. Supporting and engaging in examination malpractices to enable your friend to also pass is rather seen as a goodly act and such a person is hailed and praised. Why won’t we have incompetent leaders? Why won’t we get heartless leaders?

Our actions, mentality and societal mindset is the backbone and the root of all the mess we are seeing today. Our actions are what indirectly goes and hits back against us. We fail to realize the effects and negative consequences most of our actions will have on us in the future and if not us our children and generations.

Helping a friend engage in examination malpractices may seem like a form of help; it might help that person to achieve his personal ambitions, but that little error will have an adverse effect on the nation. You leaked those questions thinking you were helping the students. With these fake results we get fake students offering the right programs. In the next ten years, our economy, the job market, leadership positions, and managerial offices will get occupied by these incompetent, unpassionate and corrupt people. In fact, we have a great problem, and it is with our mentality.

We have a lot of problem with our mentality and these in tend produces more problems for us. Let’s take a look at this. Because of our mentality we see students offering programs like medicine, pharmacy, optometry, engineering, accounting, etc. as superior for whatever reasons I can’t tell whilst we see programs like animal science, horticulture, aquaculture as ‘useless’ programs. So, with this mindset every student who yearns to continue at the tertiary level is eager to offer those ‘superior’ programs. So, with such eagerness the students look for all means to achieve good results in order to be able to offer those programs not even considering whether he/she is passionate about offering such a program or not. We’ve created a system which has imprisoned and impoverished us. We create our own ideas and mentality of certain things, and it affects us negatively. Just by the program you offer at the university, someone can see you as a moron, useless and a bubble-headed person and so tend to disdain you. We tend to respect those offering those 'high' programs and look down on those offering programs we term ‘low.’ Should we blame the condition of the economy for this. Even if we want to blame the condition of the economy for this, that blame will come back to us because we are a part of the poor economic condition.

So, the problem is not with anybody, any government, any political party, or any organization or whatever. We are the problem. We ourselves are the problem. Our mindset is very childish. Our mindset is disgusting. Our mindset is meaningless. We tend to give respect, our time and prioritize unimportant things. We see corruption and bribery as a normal way of life. Corruption and bribery is now a common and a normal thing. Talk about what we term ‘protocol’ which is everywhere. ‘Protocol’ (‘who you know’) has become more important than intelligence and competency. Being competent, intelligent, hardworking and whatever won’t give you any point to gain employment in our country. You just have to know somebody in that company or organization.

Corruption has crept into our daily lives. Corruption has crept into every society, organizations, businesses, committees and even among students we are corrupt with whatever we do. In Ghana who you know is more important than your first class. Your first class or whatever won’t guarantee you any job. Who you know is what can guarantee you a job. Even to intern at a particular company you need to know someone there to work it out for you otherwise you will find it difficult getting one. A ‘black person’ as a manager at a company thinks like this: “I am the manager for Tema Oil Refinery, my son ought to offer chemical engineering so that he will come and work in here and become the next manager. I have to do this.” And so, he does everything to make this happen. The son might be academically weak, but definitely, his grades in the BECE and WASSCE will be excellent. He will do whatever he can to make sure his son will offer that program. And he does it easily.

Nowadays getting a job in Ghana is all about whether you know someone in the company you want to work there or not. If you don’t know anybody, then forget it. A lot of employed Ghanaians had the job through referrals. Let’s assume I know the HR or someone with a big position at a particular company and I have a son with a degree in that field and I want a job for my son, I just call the HR and speak to him/her. My son will be employed within the shortest time even without interviews or whatever. Whether he is competent or not doesn’t matter, whether he is qualified or not, they won’t check, whether first class or not won’t matter to them. This has become the order of the day in Ghana. And so now in Ghana, ‘who you know’ is stronger than your first class. How the ‘black person’ thinks is so pitiful and a shame. We think doing this portrays kindness or helping each other. The way we think is very childish. You employed someone just because his father was your classmate? You employed someone just because his father is your church member?

Corruption has infected everybody and everyplace in Ghana. Causing havoc is seen as helping someone. With this mentality our problem will always be bigger, the cedi will keep depreciating. Because every day and every time we are causing havoc. Incompetency everywhere; incompetency in the industry, incompetency at the companies, incompetency in our schools, incompetency in the government, incompetency everywhere and so because of these there are a lot of our leaders (ministers, MP’s, lawyers, etc.) who are not genuinely fit for the position they are having. There are a lot of scholars, doctors, professors, managers, bosses, HR’s, supervisors…etc. who are not genuinely qualified for who they are and what they are doing. Africans, we have a very big problem to tackle but it’s simple: our mindset.

I strongly believe one of the main reasons our youth has lost their morals, conscience and are heartless and unpassionate is also about the boarding school system at the senior high school level. This doesn’t apply to everybody, but it applies to many. Especially with the single sex (especially boys) schools. As I always say, we copy and imitate the Whites then abuse or misuse whatever we copied. We leave the sense behind what we copy. When you copy the homework of a mate and apply more sense to it, you will probably end up getting a better mark than your mate because you easily notice any mistake in the work probably because your mate did the work in a hurry.

I have a friend at Canada who is in a boarding secondary school. He tells me about their boarding school system, and I marvel. Because it is directly in contrast with what I see in our boarding school system. The lack of discipline, supervision and law-enforcement at boarding schools is evident even at the universities. At the boarding house, seniors are more like masters of the school. With the idea that they are seniors, they tend to do whatever they like. And the house masters, supervisors and school authorities don’t keep an eye on them. They bully the juniors. And what we say is ‘oh, its school life.’ We are just raising a bunch of heartless and immoral youths. It takes heartlessness, wickedness and stubbornness to bully juniors. A person who doesn’t think about his fellow man won’t refuse any act of corruption and bribery. The high rate of bribery and corruption in our country can be traced to all these things.

Boarding house has become a place for students who don’t like studies to cultivate and portray all their silly acts. It has become a good place to harness students who don’t like studies, a place to raise vagabonds. We tend to create certain impressions, rules or norms. We see bullying as normal in the boarding houses and because of this, teachers, hall masters and supervisors tend to care less. Nowadays boarding house has become someway somehow a place to raise heartless and aimless youths. Most innocent and good students tend to lose their morals after passing through the boarding school system. Because there is no discipline at the various houses. Nobody cares. I personally have a lot of friends who have completely change after passing through the boarding school system. There are others too that were never influenced by whatever they went through, but they are few.

The negative peer influence is remarkably high at the boarding school. The influence to smoke, go out of school, bully…etc. is very high at the boarding houses as compared to a day school. This is as a result of the lack of proper supervision by hall masters, teachers, heads, workers and the school system as a whole. We’ve made everything look too normal. Everything seems normal in Ghana. Whether good or bad. Corruption is now a normal thing. Things that used to be disgusting looks normal now. Boys who succumb to the high negative peer influence in the boarding house end up being unethical whilst the girls end up being immoral. Beyond doubt, we see this clearly in the tertiary institutions.

Boarding house has become a place for students to cultivate and portray all their silly acts. It has become a good place for students who don’t like studies. And one or the other way, when these students get admissions to the universities, they get the full energy to portray their silly acts. At the various halls, we see these people portray those silly acts they learnt at the boarding houses. Talk about Friday ‘jama’ or ‘moral’ nights and all that. Most of these foolish things were learnt from the boarding house schools and most of the students who are engaged in this act were from the boarding houses. I say this without any doubt!!! Most of these students learnt those habits and unethical mindsets through the boarding house system.

An obvious incident we all witnessed which buttresses my point is the act of vandalism some students planned in October 2018. Students at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, KNUST, went on a planned protest which led to vandalizing of vehicles and parts of the varsity’s administration block. The protests took a violent turn with students smashing over twenty vehicles on campus and setting ablaze motorbikes and bicycles. Most of these students were from the boarding schools. These are the same students who want to be allowed to have their freedom to exhibit their senseless acts. The school system has entertained those acts for long. Our boarding schools are entertaining a lot of nonsense too much. These are the same students who will be filling the gaps as ministers, MP’s, doctors ...etc. Are we safe?? The problem of Ghana has many roots that we fail to see.

I am not against the boarding school system at all. It offers great benefits to students. It offers a lot of disadvantages as well. There are great and prominent personalities and leaders in Ghana and Africa who went through the boarding house system. Just that the rate of indiscipline has been too much tolerated in our boarding houses. Indiscipline, lawlessness, bullying and all forms of unethical behaviors is being tolerated too much at our boarding schools. There are rules and regulations governing schools, but the problem is most of them are not being enforced. The rules are just there for formality. We need to enforce the rules and regulations governing our schools strictly. Any form of Indiscipline, unethical, immoral behavior, bullying and discrimination should be strictly dealt with especially at the boarding schools. I think with this we will raise students who are not only academically excellent but also discipline, lawful and ethical. It’s easy to bend a young plant but not a tree.

A sense of morality is very important. A person who has a guilty conscience and a sense of morality will think twice before doing anything. He will think twice before passing that bill or law. He will think twice before accepting that bribe. We need to promote godliness in our schools. A godly person will be discipline. A godly person won’t be corrupt. But we’ve made our school system a place where students lose their manners and morals. And so, because of these, they are already corrupt after school, and they grow with it. Most times these are also the people who do well in their exams and so get admission to the university and they tend to become our future leaders. The problem of Ghana and Africa is very great!!!

The Free SHS Policy is a very good policy, but it will rather cause more harm if our leaders don’t pay more attention to raising God-fearing, discipline and aimful students. The Free SHS Policy has indeed been very helpful to thousands of students and parents. Statistics shows that about 1.6 million youth have so far benefited from this free SHS Policy. The free SHS policy aims to take out the element of cost as a barrier to schooling. Under this policy, every Ghanaian child who attains the pass mark, as agreed for the year by Ghana Education Service Council, will enjoy a three-year scholarship for secondary education.

Great one, but all these won’t be beneficial to the nation if we are just raising graduates and graduands who don’t have a sense of morality, a sense of discipline, a sense of respect for the elderly and a focus. And so, we hear of students who are even beneficiaries of this free SHS Policy insulting the president shamelessly. No sense of morality in these youths. It seems we are just raising more vagabonds who can read and write, vagabonds who are literates!!! It seems we are rather raising corrupt people, stubborn and aimless youth who are literates.

We are just enrolling more students to learn theories and pass their exams with leaked questions, students who are just interested in going to lectures and graduating with degrees. Whether he can make an impact through his long years of training or not, he cares not. Getting a job after school is the ONLY focus. I would prefer an illiterate armed robber to a literate thief. Most of the leaders we have in this country are nothing but literate thieves. A thief who is a literate and a scholar is perilous. Imagine a literate vagabond managing the finances of a country, a literate thief who calls himself a minister or a MP, which is why the leaders are stealing and embezzling state funds so easily.

The government should focus on educating the youth. This free SHS Policy is just helping school more youths and not educate them. Aristotle once said: “education is the creation of a sound mind in a sound body.” Thus, a person may be considered to be educated if he develops his knowledge and skills in such a way which ultimately results into his positive contribution in community life, positive contribution, I love that. Are our leaders making a positive contribution to our nation? Yet, they say they are educated: a bunch of uneducated people. Uneducated engineers and graduates yet with big degrees all over the country and so we can’t do anything for ourselves. So-called engineer graduates yet we can’t build our own plants unless we get a ‘white person.’ Is our school system really educating the youth? Schooling and education have been misunderstood. Aristotle once said, “educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Let’s focus on making the best from this free SHS Policy. Let’s focus on educating the young ones other than just a formality of sending the children to school. A person can still go to school and be a vagabond, a person can go to school for ten years or more and still become a thief without any aim in life. We’re just content with sending the children to school without checking whether the schooling is having a positive impact on the life of the student or not, whether the student is really being educated or not. We got to focus on that more.

***The problem with the Youth***

It’s very pathetic. The problem of Africa is not only about our leaders but the youth and the young ones coming up. Sadly, we are worst. The way the average Ghanaian thinks is very appalling. Look at the youth today, we seem to have lost focus. The only thing we know to be success is to be offering big programs at the University. We’ve created a system that has made a lot of people lose focus in life. Right now, in Ghana having an iPhone means you are matured, you are modern, you are a spec, and so when a student gets admitted to the university and he doesn’t have an iPhone he feels left out, he feels inferior and tries all his possible best to get one. The boys end up scamming to enable them also purchase iPhone to be part of that ‘system.’ The young girls also end up giving themselves to boys and end up in relationships only centered on sex for money just to be part of that system. You see the problem of Africa???? We create unnecessary pressure, and unnecessary competitions. A black mind is a mind full of unnecessary boasting and competitions. He wants to be the first person to buy a private jet and so he does everything to do that.

A ‘white person’ never creates this unnecessary pressure. He thinks of how he can invent great devices and make name through the proposal of laws, …etc. but, our competition is who is having the latest iPhone, who is having the most expensive phone, who is in the latest car? And that’s why Africa, Ghana will always be a setback, because our mentality is silly. We create a system and unnecessary pressure that has made inferiority complex common.

You go to high school and especially the university and the system already created suggests you are inferior, and a low-class person because you don’t meet the standard of that system. You don’t have an iPhone, you don’t have a boyfriend or girlfriend, you are not pursuing a ‘big program’ like petroleum engineering, pharmacy, medicine, optometry...etc. I thought the problem was with only our leaders but sadly the biggest problem is with the youth. We have a very big problem. And this has destroyed most destinies of the youth. A young nice God-fearing lady gets to the university, and she starts to feel inferior by the standards already created. She thus wants to feel part of the system and thus starts doing whatever will make her to feel high. He then ends up in relationship only centered on lust, gets iPhone and yes to her she is a high-class person, she is wise, she is eye-opened, she is modernized, yes, she is on top of the world, she is a spec. A person with great gifts, talents and capabilities starts slipping from becoming what God made her to be, and what God placed in her she doesn’t even realize it. We only live to fulfill society’s standards. Standards created by ‘aimless’ people. And we follow them.

If you have money to buy Bugatti such that it won’t later affect you financially, why not? Go ahead. If you want to buy the latest car and you can afford it, why not? If you want to have the latest smartphone and you can afford it, why not?? But sadly, most people have imprisoned themselves. He spends all he has in his bank account to also purchase an iPhone because he sees his friends or peers having. There are a lot of youth who are in relationships not because they were ready or wanted to but just because the society or the system has made it something like a must. If you don’t have a boyfriend or girlfriend then you are not matured, you are not wise, you are probably indigenous. Who said that? Who made that rule?

We’ve created unnecessary pressure and certain foolish rules among ourselves and it’s destroying a lot of potentials in the youth. We’ve imprisoned ourselves. We are our own problems. The only aim of most Ghanaian female youth is to get the latest iPhone, get a boyfriend, do all the kinds of sexual acts, yes, feel high, ‘I’m a spec, I’m modernized, I’m in the system….’ Forgetting she is destroying her destiny. She has slipped from the goal. The only aim of the Ghanaian male youth is to get the latest iPhone, ‘chop’ a quite number of girls and make name with that for himself. Will that bring any improvement?? Will that make you a better person? And these Whites are still fooling us with these material things like they did some years ago, and we exchanged our golds for mirror. The same things are happening. We’ve allowed these things to create unnecessary pressure among the youths and so most people aren’t really focused in life.

The main focus of the average Ghanaian youth is to get the latest iPhone unless he hasn’t gotten the money to do so and even if he doesn’t have the money, he tries all his best just to also hold an iPhone. These are the same kind of people we see some 100 years ago. People that get obsessed with whatever the Whites offers and so our forefathers were so much bewitched with material things from the Whites and so they gave in precious things just for mirrors and the likes.

We tend to give more priority and hail rather unnecessary things. We deem unnecessary things high, and we rather forgo the most important things. We take pride in foolish things rather. What a shame? Very disgusting? The black mind is just a mind higher than the mind of a gorilla. We only think about pleasure, sex, food and sleep. That’s all. I sometimes think about why these white people enslaved us and I probably it’s because they were surprised how childish we were. They were surprised. For us to exchange gold for mirror, etc. surprised them and so they loss respect for us. They were then treating us like ‘animals’ because our thinking was very animalistic.

White people are generally kind. Yes. Don’t we receive free money from UN?? During the COVID-19 times and the Russian-Ukraine war a lot of organizations like IMF, and some nations supported Ghana in cash and kind. They offer free scholarships to brilliant students in Ghana to study in their highly reputed universities with huge financial aid. Talk about organizations like compassion international where these White people sponsor a young child who comes from a very poor family. The sponsor helps the child with gifts, provisions, school fees, hospital bills and many others. Such kindness!!! That is how a ‘white person’ is. So probably they enslaved us because we made them lose respect for us.

You can do whatever you want to do but never do something because of certain pressure. If I want an iPhone for myself or the latest car for myself fine. But it should never be because of pressure. The reason should be because I need it!!!!! If you need something, go for it. If you don’t need it, don’t go for it. It’s fine and cool to flaunt with your wealth and all that, but never do that at the expense your financial stability. We hear of rich men who purchase expensive luxuries and live expensive live styles. and it’s normal, because they can afford it, it won’t affect them in any way, because they have extravagant wealth. Their assets are far greater than their liabilities, so why do you want to live like them whilst you are not financially stable as those rich people. This is a big problem of the youth.

I recommend we read on ‘Rich dad Poor dad;’ a very popular book authored by Robert T. Kiyosaki. It talks about how the rich makes money work for them whilst the poor is always busy searching for luxuries. The poor works and toils to earn money just for luxuries and look like the rich but he is poor. The rich spend his time to make his money work for him. The rich get richer whilst the poor get poorer. The rich only goes after luxuries when he is financially stable; has lot of assets and many sources of income and so going after luxuries is just a bonus. The poor doesn’t strive for that, his sole aim is to get luxuries to flaunt!

To the Ghanaian youth or teenager, success means having an iPhone and a sex partner. That’s success. Can you believe that? And so, a young Ghanaian youth feels useless, and inferior if he/she falls below these standards. If he /she lacks one or two of these. A young boy or girl works and earns money, and all his focus is to get iPhone and get a girl. All his essence of living is centered on these. That’s very surprising. Aimlessness!!!!!

Africans, we give priority to unimportant things rather than vital things. Most Ghanaian youth are hustling to look rich and not to be rich. We are poor but we look rich outside. Before you plan of living a luxurious life ask yourself the number of assets you have. The rich builds assets, money works for them, they earn more than they spend and so they can decide to go for whatever they want. But the poor doesn’t seek for financial stability, he rather seeks after luxuries and so he always spends all he has on luxuries. He spends more than he earns. And this is the condition of most of the youth. We burden ourselves trying to live beyond our means and this is evident in the fact that because he wants to live a life beyond his means, he has no option than to find other means of income. No wonder there are a couple of teenagers who are into scamming, frauding and even money rituals.

Before you go for luxuries make sure can pay for the basics of living (food, shelter, utilities) and still have money set aside for any unexpected bills, emergencies. I ask myself that even in our poverty and financial instability look at the things we prioritize, even with our empty bank accounts look at how we live our lives. How much more if we get the chance of getting greater source of income or being a manager or director of any organization. You see, surprising. No wonder our leaders are like us and we the youth we are also like them.

No wonder, our leaders only prioritize getting the latest car in town, having the most expensive buildings, and getting for themselves skyscrapers, estates and properties abroad. Taking all the family members to stay abroad (basically meaning this country is a mess, meaning they don’t respect us, they don’t respect and value this country). They focus on buying private jets, skyscrapers, and making unnecessary name for themselves. They prioritize in being richer than their peers. Unnecessary competition is a daily bread to them. They have little time to think about National development. The Ghanaian citizen is not a part of his daily thoughts. We are a secondary subject to them. National development is not a priority to them. They spend huge sum of monies on slay queens, and to meet all this demands they end up embezzling state funds. Corruption and bribery becomes their daily way of life.

You see, like father like son. The ‘black person’ is basically aimless and goalless. Look at the youth today. We are never satisfied with what we have. He gets an iPhone 8 and he begins to think of how he can get iPhone 11. He does whatever he can do to get money again to upgrade on his phone. We are always searching for money not to sensibly use it but rather to use it for unnecessary things. Annoyingly, the person struggles to eat three times a day. Basically, behaving like our forefathers; giving in anything for mirror. If you cater for the most important things in your life, there is nothing wrong with trying to be fashionable and all that.

When a rich man gets the most expensive car for himself, it is never seen as a wastage of money. It’s foolishness to chase after luxuries whilst you struggle to cater for your basic needs. Getting rich is very simple. You can use that money to start a small business. Forget about everybody. Forget about how people see you. What matters is how you see yourself and who you know you are, not what people say you are. They are not you. They can’t be you. Nobody knows you better than your own self. Nobody can understand you better than your own self. You are peculiar in your own way. You will definitely get criticism as stingy, poor, and all that but remember you are great that’s why you won among millions of sperms. You are peculiar. Follow that goal. Get an aim and you will make it and you see those aimless dudes trying to reach you later; they will even take pride just for the fact that you were once their friend. They once referred you as aimless, stingy, poor, and all that but they will realize they were rather aimless. There is a saying that a good name talks for itself. The rich don’t need to hold the latest iPhone or get the latest car to show he is rich.

In Ghana, the poor looks rich but deep inside, they are suffering. Dangote does not need to wear the most expensive dress to show he is rich. The rich always goes in search for more wealth whilst the poor spends the little amount of money, he has to flaunt with it, yet he is suffering. The rich get luxuries last not first. Do first things first. It’s okay to flaunt or flex. But if you don’t have the capacity don’t force yourself. Just be who you are and work hard. Get money and luxuries will be a bonus. The poor goes for luxuries whilst he is suffering inside. The poor looks rich outwardly whilst the rich doesn’t care much outwardly because he is rich and it’s evident, yet the rich is rich, and the poor is poor. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer.

‘Black people’ are full of false self- identity. False identity refers to the concept of a person pretending to be what he or she is not. For example, people pretend to be rich or come from rich families when actually, they are not. Another example is for one to pretend not to like a type of food when that is not exactly the case. When a person pretends to be what he/she is not, people may not be ready to extend help to that person when the need arises. The person thus ends up imprisoning himself because he is always forcing to portray what he is actually not. He tends to buy things to make him look rich. This is a big problem because it forces the individual to do whatever so as to look rich. False self-identity is work on its own.

When you portray self-identity, you always have to show that identity, and because it’s not the real you, it means you are always on guard otherwise your false identity will be exposed. For instance, a person doesn’t have so much money but yet exhibits false identity as someone who is rich; because of this, he has to always do something to keep that false identity on track, and to do that, he has no option than to do anything at all to get money. False identity is one of the main courses of all these social vices we see among the youth of today!!!

It’s okay to live a luxurious and extravagant life as far as it doesn’t prevent you from having a comfortable life. You see these footballers. Most of them live a luxurious lifestyle and it’s cool. They can afford it. They can afford to live any life they won’t. So why should you force yourself to live a life like them whilst you don’t have the needed resources and money to do that. Africans, we are still immature. We prioritized secondary things and rather leave behind the most important things. Work hard, get money and luxury will be a bonus.

Many people succumb to pressure and acquire many things they don’t really need. You can buy anything or get anything you want in this world if only you need it. Buy what you need not what somebody thinks you need or what people think you have to get. Don’t ever succumb to any pressure. Succumbing to pressure is a sign of failure. It means you don’t know who you are, you don’t have any goal or have a focus in life, you don’t know why you are here, you don’t know what you want and so you allow society to control you and dictate to you what to do, isn’t it funny? I see all those youths who have succumbed to all those unnecessary pressures as aimless. Society controls them. They don’t control themselves. They buy what society dictates to them and not what they need!!!

As history says, our ancient Ghanaian leaders exchanged gold for mirror; they exchanged precious minerals and wealth for less-valuable items like mirror, toys...etc. because they didn’t know the value of what they had. When we hear that story, we say our forefathers were stupid and childish to do so. But sadly, we are worst!!!!!! Here we are: exchanging sex, iPhone and false identity for our destiny and potentials. Exchanging our career, destiny, and greatness just to fit into a certain society we have created ourselves- we create a society that imprisons us- just to feel superior, yet not superior. Aren’t we doing what our forefathers did? Aren’t we doing the same thing?? Recently, we heard of how our leaders are now planning of exchanging our gold for oil: funny and sad. We have precious oil, but due to poor governance and black minded leadership we can't fully utilize it. Almost everything we import to Ghana, we locally produce them but because we don't fully utilize our natural resources, we always import the same things we produce. Africa, our problem is big!!

We are not passion driven, we offer programs not because we like it, or our strength is related to that program but just to show off. And so, we produce graduates who are just eager to get a job without even thinking of how to contribute towards national development.

You see how the average Black youth is aimless?? Yet we open our silly mouths to say fix the country. We accuse our leaders but we ourselves, we are more aimless and visionless, and sadly we are the future leaders. No wonder Africa continues to be a setback. Ghana continues to be poorer. We continue to take more loans amidst the fact that we even discover more oil, more gold and more resources. Because day In and day out the youth and younger generation becomes more miserable and more corrupt.

The problem with our youth is aimlessness and the problem with our leaders is greed, corruption and bribery. We have to solve the duo and Africa will be greater and greatest.

**Inferiority Complex**

One of the greatest backsets of the youth is inferiority complex. The moment you allow yourself to feel inferior to society’s standards and the standards of peers you start losing focus and you start becoming aimless. You have to first see you are a great person before you can become great. You have to be great in your mind first. The moment you start to feel inferior; you look down on yourself. You lose something great when you allow inferiority complex to overtake you. If you know the great potential in you as a person, how God has made you great in your own way, like you would never use any societal standards to look down on yourself.

It takes an unserious person; a person who doesn’t know what he wants in life; a person who doesn’t know why he is here; why he was chosen among his million fellows. I believe each and every one on earth has some form of greatness and breakthrough in a very unique and a peculiar way. But if we fail to realize it, we can’t bring that greatness into light. The pressure will definitely be there, peers, friends, and society’s way of perceiving things will be there to make you lose focus. You can never avoid the tide, but you can swim against it. You can’t avoid the storm, but you can choose to overcome it; you can’t avoid the tides, but you can swim against it. You got to prove that you already know who you are, and nothing can make you feel you are a nobody. Most of us have been struck by inferiority complex but we don’t know, and this has destroyed many potentials in the youth.

Don’t force yourself to please society or man. You can’t please everybody, NEVER. Barabbas was even preferred over Jesus Christ. Even God, not everybody likes Him or even believes He exists. Think About It. It’s just a matter of time. You might look like a nobody; you might be hopeless, and it might look impossible. Nothing may look like you are great, but you got to believe that. Believe you have greatness in you. Believing is not what will make you great; but by believing, you automatically work towards it even without knowing and that is the beginning of your lyrics.

Any person who sees himself inferior becomes a wanderer; he just doesn’t know where he is from, where he is going and why he is here. He just does what he sees other people do; he loses his essence of life, and he easily feels abandoned. We most times feel lonely because we get far away from our own selves. Inferiority Complex is when you feel you are losing out something, when you feel you are not worthy, you start to feel someway somehow useless, you start to feel you are not meeting some standards, you start to feel your peers are superior. The youth of today have been knocked down by this inferiority Complex. A young youth feels inferior because he doesn’t have an iPhone or a boyfriend or girlfriend or perhaps, he is not in the university.

Inferiority Complex begins with comparison. When you start comparing yourself to your peers, you will end up putting yourself into pressure. Never forget that we can never all be the same. Never. Everybody is different. You can never be like me, and I can never be like you. Never. Everybody is unique in their own way. So never waste your time comparing your life to others which makes you feel inferior. Negative peer influence will only influence you when you start to feel inferior. How can you allow just the lack of a boyfriend, girlfriend, iPhone, laptop, that sneaker to make you feel inferior? Do you know how great and precious you are? If you know the worth of kidney and other organs, you will realize how wealthy and precious you are. Don’t allow any foolish things to make you feel inferior.

You are a winner already the moment you are born. Right in your womb you are a winner. Million fellows failed to make it to your mum’s egg, but you made it; I said millions. Think about it. God chose you over the others because you had something greater in you. Don’t let anybody or anything, any peer or friends pressure you in any way. You got to be focused on your goal; to make that greatness into light; and you can only do that when you be yourself; you work on your passions, aspirations, desires, natural gift and talent, and do things in your own peculiar way. Don’t let any society pressure you with anything. Be yourself. Be who you are. Follow your passions. Follow what drives you. Work on Yourself. Focus on yourself first. Work on yourself. Get close to God. Pray, work hard, don’t give up, follow your passions, work on your talent and you will move the world. You can move the world with your music talent. Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way. You can move the world with your football skills, you can move the world with your fluency, you can move the world with your high IQ and intelligence. You can move the world with your programming skills. You can move the world with your comedy skills. You can move the world with anything as far as you work on it. No gift or talent is small. Every gift and talent is great in its own way. I believe every human being has a unique talent or gift. A peculiar one. Believe you are great. Obstacles can’t stop you. Problems can’t stop you. Most of all people can’t stop you. You are the only person who can stop your own self.

**A thought on academic performance assessment**

We only judge JHS students and SHS student’s performance by the final exams he/she writes which is the BECE and WASSCE, respectively. After going through kindergarten, primary and the junior high level of education; spending an average year of 12, a student’s performance in a particular subject is assessed/judged only by his performance in the subject paper he writes for 2 or 3 hours for just a single sitting. Isn’t something obviously wrong with our education system? Right from the beginning you see how our education system is very weak and doesn’t reflect the real performance, capability and understanding of students in a particular subject. How can one use just two or three hours to completely access me on subjects I have spent more than five years to study. Our education system and the way we access students’ performance is not the best at all. Both at the JHS level and even most importantly at the SHS level. And our leaders don’t care.

The best way to assess the performance of students is that the BECE should no longer be written at one sitting, but it should be written at least once every academic year for all the three academic years. So, a JHS1 student writes one BECE before going to JHS 2, another one before going to JHS 3 and the final one after the final year. So, three results are obtained for each subject. The average of the results should then be used as the final result of the student for that particular subject. I think this is very reasonable and will depict the genuine performance of students. It isn’t fair to use just 2 or 3 hours to completely judge the true performance of a student in any subject or course; thus, the student is given only one chance to depict his ability and understanding in a subject. You can’t conclude that a student who gets 90% in an exam for a particular subject is better than his fellow mate who had a lower mark; but you can make that conclusion if they produce consistent results. But this is the case with our education system; what you write in the final exams is what is used conclusively to judge your understanding in that subject and that is the only result that will be used to consider a student in the senior high school placement. Isn’t this pitiful? They say they use the student’s transcript and not only the final BECE the students write but this is a lie: a big lie.

I had a friend who felt sick on a particular day during the period of his final exams. And of course, he had no option than to write that particular paper although he was sick. He managed to write it anyhow, but it affected his performance. Just look at this!! He was very good in that subject and had been very consistent with his performance in that particular subject with mocks, trials exams, quizzes and tests. All these became somehow useless because it didn’t reflect in that 2-hour paper he wrote in the BECE. Give a thought on this. Even apart from sickness, there are many factors that can make a person not to perform well in an exam for a particular subject he/she is very good at; talk about black out, talk about emotional traumas, ...etc. and so a student preparing to write his final exams is so tensed considering the only single chance he has to determine his fate.

Alternatively, the transcripts of each student-which shows the results of all the end of semester examinations taken by the student-can be used. The average of the results is calculated. The results of the BECE are struck to 50% and the other 50% is added from the transcript. So, for a particular subject, for example mathematics, the average of the results for all the end of semester mathematics exams is calculated and struck to a total of 50%. The result for the mathematics exams in the BECE is also struck to 50%. Then the two are added. Of course, there are a lot of other problems that comes with this; Schools will give good grades and high marks to their students in their transcripts by many means so as to make a good name for the school as one that offers good tuition to their students. But I strongly believe this, and any other disadvantages of this method is not a big deal and measures can be put in place to curb that.

So, we’ve realized a whole lot of problems right from the elementary school level to the secondary school level, huge problems with our education system. Just a two or three-hour paper's performance is used to judge the strength of a student in a particular subject. And sadly, this is the same criteria used to offer admissions to students entering tertiary institutions. Isn’t it scary? Knowing that the future of Ghana lays on these youths? are we safe? Do we have a future? Are we raising potential and competent future leaders? With all the facts I’ve portrayed, the answer is very clear. No wonder Ghana never becomes better. We always become worse. Our economy keeps depreciating. The daily livelihood of the average Ghanaian keeps getting harder because we’ve failed as a country and as individuals to realize a lot of blunders with how we do most of our things.

The problem of Africa and Ghana is not only associated with one cause. There are a lot of problems, mismanagements and rules that contributes to our backfall. We should give a second thought to most of the things we do. We need to sit down and rethink. We need to change the way we do most things. Our leaders don’t think about us. We always do what we do in the same way without thinking of a change or how we could better the way we do our things.

We never think of improvement. We don’t think of development: the latent black mind. The old dies and the younger generation come to continue what was being done. Nothing is changed. The average Black person only follows formality. We don’t think about bettering anything we do. The ‘white person’ is always thinking about how he can make the things he does in a better way. How he can improve on himself. His mind is centered on improvement, development, progress and excellence. We see improvement and sense in almost everything they do. They seek advancement in whatever they do; In terms of sports, entertainment, education, technology and national development; they are always proving they have the right mentality, and that’s what makes them better than us: the mentality, the mindset!!! For a ‘black person,’ as far as it doesn’t affect him, he cares not. We just do things to please society. We just do what the government, employer, manager, and the system compel us to do. We don’t suggest a change, we don’t think to suggest a better way something can be done. We care not. As far as he receives his monthly salary, he is content with that. He is just ready to offer what his demanded of him and go his way. That is the case for most of us. That is the case with many workers, managers, heads, directors etc. We just do what the system demands us to do without thinking whether what we actually do is the best; without trying to find better ways we can do the things we’ve always done in the same way.

There is no improvement or progress without making a change. You will never get a different result if you keep doing the same thing in the same way. That’s the state of ‘black people’: Always doing the same thing in the same way from generation to generation. We don’t like change; we don’t want to try. Everyone is busy with his self-ambitions. Nobody is ready to sacrifice his time, energy and quota towards making Ghana better. Everybody is self-centered. Everybody is searching for his own way to be out of this system; to be out of this mess. Everybody is searching for his own success and financial breakthrough and that’s why we don’t progress as individuals and as a nation: true for both our leaders and the average citizen.

## CHAPTER 3

***Why are most Africans dark in complexion/skin colour?***

I can’t answer that question. It’s only God, because He was the one who created us and so He alone knows the reason. But One thing I strongly believe is that God never made anything in this world just anyhow/without any reason behind it. Everything created by God was never by chance; there is a reason behind everything God created. There is a reason for your eyelashes and eyebrows; they are just not there. The hairs in your nostrils are just not there. Each and everything have its own peculiar function and so there is a reason for everything God created. So, I believe there is a reason some races are dark, and others are white in complexion.

But remember that, white and black are opposite colours. And these two colours have their meanings. You will never wear black throughout to a graduation, naming or even a wedding ceremony. You will obviously wear black to a funeral and white to a thanksgiving service. We know what black symbolizes and what white symbolizes. We can’t deny this!!! Even biblically white symbolizes a good thing. Knowing the difference between black and white is innate. You don’t need to be taught. You don’t need someone to teach you the difference between light and darkness!! One of the setbacks of Africa is that we don’t like accepting facts. We know within us that we have a problem, but we will deny it. How can we then progress? How can we better ourselves? How then can we make think of working on ourselves? If we fail to realize that we have to work on ourselves, then we shouldn’t hope for things to get better. We shouldn’t hope for Ghana to get better.

***Does complexion/skin colour say something about the mindset?***

I strongly believe that most times, skin colour or complexion differentiates these two races (White and Black people) based on how they think. Different colours, different thoughts. Look at Antarctica, Europe, North and South America, Asia, etc. You spot a great difference. What made the difference? The people there. So, we can see that we, Africans mostly have a black mentality. But can we say it applies to everybody? No! Due to interracialism and many other factors this is not always true, but it is mostly true. So, it doesn’t necessarily mean all White people have the right mentality and all Black people have black minds, No, No, No!!!!

Any form of racism based on skin colour is childishness. At the worst case, your racism should be based on the person’s mentality, and you can’t know someone’s mentality until you get very close to him/her. Colour is just a colour. Skin colour of a person doesn’t depict the kind of mentality he/she has. You can be white as snow and have a black mentality and you can be black as bitumen and have the white/right mentality.

Most importantly, every human being has a form of blackness in his/her mindset, be it a White person or a Black person. We all need to work on ourselves.

## CHAPTER 4

***As A Man Thinketh, So Is He***

The mind is associated with the brain. The two terms are often used interchangeably. The brain is considered to be a physical thing, the mind is considered to be mental. The brain is composed of nerve cells and can be touched, whereas the mind cannot be touched. Mind is a faculty that manifests itself in mental phenomena such as perception, thinking, sensation, reasoning, memory, etc. It refers to a person’s conscience, understanding and thought process.

You are what you think. Your thought is what drives you. What controls you is your thoughts. You can’t do anything until you decide in your mind to do it. How a person thinks is more important than anything. One thing to look out for in a person first is how he/she thinks. You will only succumb to pressure if your thinking is changed. Don’t allow any peer or any friend to change your thinking negatively. If you are interested in a lady and you want her, you have to start changing her thinking about you. All you do is to change how she thinks about you and how she sees you. If you are able to convince her you are caring, loving, gentle or whatever by your actions and or words, then you start getting her attention.

It’s sad most of the youth do not think. We don’t like thinking. There are millions of things to think about. You only get bored when you don’t have anything doing. Get something doing and see if you will get bored? Boredom is the daily bread of an idle and lazy person. You only get bored when you have nothing doing or keep doing the same thing over and over again. As students we fail to think about what we are taught in school and educate ourselves. We got to educate ourselves every day. We have a lot to learn every day. Most times the things we study in school, we don’t understand them. We just learn them to write exams and pass, but it shouldn’t be so. We should spend time to study to really understand. Research more and learn more about what you study. We most times forget what we study because we don’t spend time to understand what we study.

It’s better to study one page and spend time to fully understand it than study ten pages without really understanding what you’ve studied. Nobody can take a concept you really understand from you. Whenever any interesting question pops up in your mind google it, read more about it, research more on it; be curious most times; ask a lot of questions to get a clear picture, watch movies and documentaries. When something sparks your interest, read about it. Read, read, read. Study, learn, stimulate your brain. Feed your brain with knowledge. The right knowledge is power. The wrong knowledge is detrimental. Feed your brain with the right knowledge. Update yourself every day. Follow your passions. Don’t only rely on the school system. Educate that beautiful mind of yours.

The ‘black person’ reads and learns a lot but thinks little. We spend time to study, read and watch educational videos and documentaries but spend little time thinking. We spend little time thinking about what we’ve learnt. We don’t think to make something realistic and practical from what we study. Look at all the things we are taught in school. We learn them and maybe understand them for exams sake. But we never spend time to really think about what we are taught; how we can apply what we learn to our daily lives; the great things we can make out of the theories, laws, calculations and formulas we learn in school.

We deem someone who can use his physical strength to work such as raising cement bags, physically working for like 12 hours, and doing all the kinds of manual work as strong and hardworking. I spend most of my time reading and learning on my phone and my parents see me as lazy. Because they don’t see me engaging in any physical activity or manual work. To them being hardworking means doing a lot of manual work and this is sadly the concept of most Ghanaians. Do you know what it takes to think with your brain? Thinking involves a lot of energy than manual work. Me reading, learning, thinking may seem like an easy work because perhaps I would be laying on my bed or just sitting and doing that. Learning is a work on its own. Thinking is a great work on its own. That’s why students find it difficult to study. Studying is a work on its own. You lose out a log of energy when you think. Thinking involves a lot of energy that’s why people who use their brain to work get paid more than those who use their physical strength. Professionals who mainly uses their brain to work other than physical strength get paid more than casual workers who use the manpower to work. The medical doctor just sits in a comfortable office and prescribes medicine for his patients and gets paid more than someone who raises bags of cement for 12 hours daily. When you refuse to use your brain, it is the body that suffers. No wonder, Africa is suffering. Upon all the natural resources we’ve been endowed with, we are still suffering because we’ve refused to think; we’ve refused to use our brains. That should tell you how powerful thinking is. If you refuse to think it is your body that suffers.

The inventions, discoveries, the modernization in sports, the modernized infrastructures, equipment and devices are all as a result of someone’s thinking. Thinking propelled all these things. Thinking propelled the law of gravity. Thinking is what is behind all the laws, theories, formulas, and science we learn in school. Einstein is great because of thinking!! The mind is our greatest asset. But, we Africans fail to use our brains. We rather prefer to use our physical strength and no wonder we were slaves to the White people. They were thinking for us, and we were working manually for them. And this thing is still in form. There are a whole lot of companies in Ghana which are operated by White people and most of the workers are Black people. These White men are mostly the supervisors, managers and directors. They receive huge salaries (something far more than ¢5000 averagely) monthly. Whilst the casual workers get something as little as ¢600 a month. Yet these casual workers work and toil for 12 hours a day consistently for five or even six days a week. You see?

Thinking involves a lot of energy than manual work. That’s why people who use their brain to work are rather paid more than those who use physical strength to work. The accountants, managers, directors, supervisors, etc. are paid more than those casual workers even though they work for less hours than the casual workers. They just perhaps sit in their air-conditioned offices and work. Work which involves thinking, yes, yet they are paid more. Thinking involves a lot of energy. That’s why you get very stressed and worn out after you engage in critical thinking even for just an hour. When you are confused about something to do and you engage in critical thinking, you become so tired afterwards.

For the average adult in a *resting state*, the brain consumes about 20 percent of the body’s energy. The brain’s primary function — processing and transmitting information through electrical signals — is very, very expensive in terms of energy use.

The ‘black person’ prioritizes unimportant things. We give reputation to silly things and after it affects us. To an average Ghanaian, going outside (going to a White people’s country) is the greatest blessing he can think of. So, we ourselves, we know deep within us that the Whites are superior and so we respect them in terms of everything. Going to their country is like going to heaven, to an average Ghanaian. No wonder we patronize their goods other than the locally made ones. Someway it’s good to know and accept that we are far behind them in anything. One of the ways to becoming a better person is to realize you need improvement and see the need for improvement. We know they are far better than us, but we refuse to see the need to also make this place better. Everybody wants to leave the mess here forgetting we ourselves are the mess.

As I said: if the White people (let’s take the people of Canada for instance) will come to our country and we all go to their country, in the next 50 years, Ghana will be like Canada and Canada will become like Ghana as it was 50 years ago. We are the problem. A country is nothing without the people. People make up a country. What makes a person? A person is what he thinks. You are what you think. The mentality of a person is what defines him/her. Our mentality is the cause of our setback. If we want development, progress, technological advancement and improvement, we got to change our minds. We got to change our mentalities. The mind is what rules a person. A mad man is not valued and not given the respect a human being deserves because he has lost his mind, because the brain is not functioning normally. So, nobody cares about him. You see how important it is to get a good mind? The wrong mind can cause a great havoc. The mind is the most important part of a person. If you lose your mind, then basically you have lost yourself. The mind is what controls a person. Even before God will get into your soul He must first get into your mind. Your mind must accept Him first: the mind.

We need to change our mentality. It must start from our leaders and most importantly, the youth and the young ones coming up, the future leaders.

I ask myself whether witchcraft is only in Africa. If a Ghanaian is about to travel abroad, he is afraid to inform his colleagues and so mostly he goes first before he informs them. For what reason? Because he knows what a typical Ghanaian is capable of doing. I believe there is witchcraftiness everywhere. Sometimes it looks weird, looking at how some people were able to come up with mind-blowing inventions, laws, theories and discoveries. Can it be some of these things are backed by spiritualties? If Witchcraftiness is everywhere, how is it seen among the Europeans, Americans, or the Whites?

In Africa, it’s obvious witches and wizards exist. Even in African movies we see it. Have you ever seen a witch or humans flying at night in American movies before?? It looks like it is only in Africa. But I’m convinced it’s everywhere. In Africans we are our own enemies. We fight each other. We plan treason. We hate success of our fellows. What is wrong with us? Why can’t we just help each other? Why should we fight each other? Why quarrel? Why backbite? Why destroy? Why hate? Jealousy, envy is what defines the ‘black person.’ No wonder a person who has planned to go outside never informs people until he/she is gone. Most of our prayers is centered against witches and wizards. Life is simple and easy, but we Africans insist to make it complicated. When will Africa be better? I believe with the Whites, they use their witchcraftiness for extraordinary things like mind-blowing inventions, scientific laws and discoveries, etc. The ‘black person’ is already greedy how much more having spirits that can cause treason and sabotage. We hate progress as far as it won’t benefit us. That’s why an average Ghanaian never informs he is going outside until he is gone. Because he knows what the ‘black person’ is capable of doing. We know. Let’s be honest. The ‘white person,’ even in their witchcraftiness tend to make this world a better place. Every creation of man has a bad part though. The same car that helps you reach your destination is capable of killing you. It’s capable of amputating you. That’s it.

***Decision***

Without a decision there is no success. Every decision is backed by a thought. Before you decide you got to think. If your thoughts are right, you make the right decisions and if your thoughts are wrong you make the wrong decisions. That’s why I have always stressed on how we think. How a person thinks is very important because his decisions are based on his thoughts. People who rarely thinks makes decisions rarely. Decision is the driving force to success. But the wrong decision is detrimental. A wrong decision causes treason, failure, breakdown and regrets. One of the problems of Africa is that we don’t know what we like. We don’t know what we want. We don’t know what we are going for. We don’t know why we are here. We don’t know why we are doing this or that. We just follow society and trends. We just follow what people are following. I believe one of our mistakes was embracing foreign culture. We’ve hybridized our culture with foreign culture and that doesn’t yield any fruit. A hybrid can never reproduce because it is not a pure breed.

Africa, we have ended up hybridizing our culture. Our way of dressing has been hybridized with the foreign way of dressing, the food we eat, how we eat, how we talk, our language, our everything. If you go to France, French which is their native language is their official language. not English. The official language of Saudi Arabia is Arabic. They speak their indigenous language. They patronize what makes them. But here we are, the most widely spoken language in Ghana and Africa is English. Not surprising it’s our official language. A person who speaks incorrect English is mocked at and seen as a moron. To us, an eye-opened person is someone who can speak good English. Someone who eats pizza, shawarma, burger is seen as modernized, civilized, rich whilst the other person who enjoys eating locally made food will be tagged as poor, uncivilized, too local. We’ve exaggerated everything pertaining to foreign. No wonder their foods are more expensive than our locally made foods.

We’ve made ourselves slaves to everything pertaining to the White people. Everything pertaining to the Whites have become superior. Everything. We look down on everything that pertains to us. We’ve looked down on our own selves. A person who can’t speak in English isn’t inferior to a person who can. We have to let everybody understand that no culture or way of life is superior to anything. We have deemed the White people’s culture as superior and so we look down on our own.

It’s good to speak in English, and a whole lot of different languages, everything is okay. But we Africa, we make everything pertaining to us sound silly. And even if we are after the foreign culture too, we just copy it and never apply the sense behind it. A good example is funeral events in Ghana. In the olden days funeral arrangements are very simple, fast and within a short period of time. Here we are, we’ve copied the White’s method. A funeral arrangement includes a whole lot of activities which are not necessary.

Most Ghanaians go to funeral ceremony to eat food and nothing else. Funeral events rather turn out to be a restaurant and a food hub. Nowadays getting a funeral adds up a lot of headaches due to the numerous arrangements, rituals and events that needs to be done just to bury one person. I personally support how Muslims bury the dead. All those rituals and events we do as part of funeral arrangements are basically not necessary. It won’t change anything. It won’t bring the person back to life. It’s just a wastage of time and resources. Funerals among the Europeans and the Whites are very simple. Just the family members of the deceased and few other people meet, do the necessary ritual and have a simply burial for the deceased. Not a set of wake-keeping, ceremonies, arrangements, …etc. The food costs alone to organize a funeral in Ghana is even the most headache to the bereaved even more than the pain of losing the loved one. One funeral alone entails a lot of unnecessary headaches, unnecessary activities and rituals. We waste time, money and resources on unnecessary things. It’s normal, occasionally, some funerals will be great depending on the person who is dead. But in Ghana here, every funeral is more than a national theatre event.

Another good example is wedding ceremony. Here we are, we copied this culture from outside. Traditional wedding was the only thing we do historically; just the family members meet to join the two together and that settles it. A marriage has been blessed. The two are good to go. Simple. But nowadays one wedding has to go through a whole lot of activities and events. They go through the traditional marriage covertly, then plan a day for what they call ‘engagement' which is even like the main wedding itself. Family members come around, some church members, some friends, etc. before the main wedding is done in the Church. There are a quite number of men who are ready and wants to marry but what it takes just to even wed the woman is a great headache. We’ve also made it a norm or a necessity for weddings to be in that manner. The costs of clothing, food, decorations, …etc. is something that can even change the financial lives of the couples.

Because of this all the endeavor of the young man is to get money and have a grand wedding like other fellow people. He does it all right, grand, great, nice, fantastic, and then after, the struggle of life begins to hit him. All his assets he spent on wedding. Some even borrow money just to have those kinds of weddings. You see the problem of Africa? And if you decide to do yours in a simple way; the traditional way only, people tend to give you all sort of names: a stingy man, a poor man, he couldn’t even do wedding, this and that. The woman herself is super yearning for those grand wedding because she doesn’t want her female counterparts to mock her. So, she demands wedding from the man.

Africans, we hype foolish things and have created unnecessary pressure in the system. We create certain laws or rules and norms for our own selves. And these same norms bring us down. Now every man who wants to marry wants to have a wedding ceremony with receptions, honeymoons even if he isn’t financially stable. And moreover, because we are competitive, we would want to do a wedding grander than our fellow did. You see how our black mentality is affecting us? The white people we copied this from don’t even do it as we do. We copy them and we leave the sense behind what they are doing. We add a lot of unnecessary things to what they do. A wedding ceremony in the white man’s country doesn’t even take 2 hours to finish. But here we are, we spend almost the whole day for a wedding ceremony. For most people in Ghana, the main motive for a going to a wedding ceremony or a funeral is to eat. Nothing is more important to him/her than the food. So, we see. Try and have a wedding ceremony without sharing food to your guests, I don’t think you will ever be happy or have peace in your life again!! No matter how you made the wedding great or spectacular almost everybody will have a beef with you. It’s not surprising. You detained them for long hours, so you need to attend to them. We create our own problems.

There isn’t any problem with all these things if one can afford. If you can afford to have one of the greatest wedding ceremonies, it’s very cool. There is nothing wrong with it. My problem is we make certain things norms, rules, laws. We imprison ourselves with our own norms we set. Under normal circumstances we shouldn’t criticize someone who just does a traditional wedding or someone who does a very short wedding: maybe just for an hour. But the problem is we will criticize people who do that. And so, it’s more or less like we’ve made it a norm for weddings to be those kinds of grand ones

Africans??? Our mentality?? I will tell you about the root of black mentality in my last pages. We criticize, we tease, we gossip, we discourage, we are concerned with other people’s matters other than our own matters. A ‘white person’ is never like that. A ‘white person’ is kind. He encourages. He motivates. I am not against anything here. If I have the money, it’s nice to have any kind of wedding I want. A grand one will be great. But If I don’t have the money, I should feel comfortable to have a traditional wedding only. This is my point. Everybody should feel comfortable to do whatever his strength allows him. We should feel comfortable. We should extend our help, motivation, encouragement and not our criticism and discouragement. Everybody should feel free in his own way. Someone gets a grand wedding; Oh, that’s superb. Another person only does a traditional wedding; that’s absolutely okay as well. You should create a system where everybody feels free to do what his strength allows him.

We like criticism too much. We like to discourage too much. We like to gossip too much. We like to tease too much. We like to perceive wrongly too much. He having a simple wedding doesn’t mean he doesn’t have money. Even if it’s true it shouldn’t be a big deal. Everybody should feel comfortable in doing whatever will make him comfortable. You don’t expect everybody to have money. Everybody can’t be rich. Everybody can’t be the same. If you know someone is suffering offer your help not your judgement. We are too quick to judge. We criticize too much.

These are just few examples. There are a lot of examples to elaborate my point. With all these problems we’ve created for ourselves how can we expect development? We create unnecessary problems for our own selves. We imprison our own selves.

A decision is a straight-forward thought finalization. You either decide to do it or you decide not to do it. No decision is ambivalent, never. Every decision is straight to the point. Until we develop the habit of making decisions in our life, we will always be a setback. You have to be decisive with the friends you take, the food you eat, the hours you have to sleep, who you want to become in future, what you want to achieve in life. Until decision sparks us up we will always be lukewarm, and society and peers will be deciding for us, and we won’t even know. We most times follow certain things because we don’t have our own focus or goal. So, we end up allowing something else to decide for us. You got to have a mind of decision. Plan your day. Plan the things you would like to achieve before the year ends. What are your plans and goals for this month or this year? What are you making out of your life? What can you use your talent and gift for? Sit down, think, plan and decide, and see how your life starts changing little by little.

***We got to accept the fact that the Whites have a better mindset than we do***

Until we realize and accept that the average White person is unique and has a mindset better than the average Black person, we would never make any improvement. We will never be better of ourselves. No wonder we keep going for loans amidst the fact that we even had and have more of the resources than they had and have. Amidst the fact that we even continue to discover more gold and oil. What at all is wrong with the ‘black person’? It’s so disgusting, sad and surprising. That’s how powerful a mindset can be. You see what a mindset can lead to?

One of the most annoying part of Africans is that we refuse to accept the fact that these Whites are better than us yet all that we do is just evident that we know and accept deep within us that they are better than us. But we refuse to confess it. You can never become better if you don’t realize and accept you need a betterment. If you don’t realize and accept you need and improvement; you can never be better. The first step for we to make ourselves better is to know we aren’t better and accept that fact. Then go ahead and look out for what is wrong. Why aren’t we better? What is the problem? What are we lacking. What do we need to do to be better. With these nothing can stop us from moving the world. We got to examine ourselves. We got to work on ourselves. But first we must accept to learn. We must be willing to accept a change. We must accept to do away with certain things. I just want to use these few pages to buttress my point that almost everything about the Whites were and are still better than the things about us.

Let’s take it back to history. Had it not been the ‘white person,’ we wouldn’t have known how to read and write. It was the ‘white person’ that brought formal education to Africa, to Ghana. And here we are. Almost everybody is super eager to acquire this thing. The main priority of almost every youth is to acquire formal education. Someone who cannot read and write is not respected that much. So here we’ve seen how glorious, important and great formal education is. If you say the ‘white person’ hasn’t done anything for you then please stop the schooling immediately. It was the ‘white person’ that introduced formal education to us. They brought it. Talk about religion. They brought Christianity to Africa. And see us. We are Soo blessed and thankful to be Christians. More than 70% of the Ghanaians are Christians. We’ve threw away our idol worship, traditionalism, and we’ve embraced Christianity. Powerful. Personally, I am a Christian. And I thank God for being a Christian. If it had not been the whites, we wouldn’t have known who Jesus Christ is. We wouldn’t have gotten the bible. And even if we had gotten the bible, we couldn’t have been able to even read.

Ghanaians were almost useless. We were more like useless. Today about 80% of all we do is because of the ‘white person’s effort. No wonder God has blessed them. Had it not been them, Africa would have not been like this. Almost everything we do today is as a result of the white person’s effort. Go to your kitchen, the kettle you see, the rice cooker, the refrigerator, the microwave. Your washroom, your toilet, your bedroom. Everything. Why don’t we stay in our villages. Why don’t we stay in those huts. Why don’t you?

Some people open their mouths and speak nonsense on radio stations and on the TV. If you promote Africanism, then simply never ever use what pertains to the Whites and see how your life becomes miserable. We don’t want to praise the Whites. They deserve to be praised. Had it not been them our world wouldn’t have been a more comfortable place to live in. If you don’t agree with me, never ever use or patronize anything as a result of the white person’s effort. Go to your village and sleep in the hut, don’t sleep in any modern building. Don’t use a car, mobile phone, don’t go to school, don’t use any electrical equipment and any device that was initially invented by the White person. The modern buildings we have may have been built by Black men, but it is the White man that taught us the principles. Never doubt this. Africans we are full of hypocrisy.

Had it not been the Whites, we would be sleeping in huts. See how the White person has made this world a more comfortable place to live in. God richly bless the White person. They even taught us how to write and read our own languages. What a pity. What a mess. Wow. Isn’t this surprising? The ‘white person’ is more like a god. Our own language. They taught us how to write and read our own language. What a pity. I strongly believe the ‘black person’ was not far from a gorilla. We were basically senseless. If we claim that we had sense, why didn’t we continue with how we do our things, but we have copied almost everything the Whites do. From formal education, the foods they eat, sports, music, dressing, their language, religion, their devices and equipment, ammunitions, their style of government.

We’ve copied and imitated them in terms of almost everything they do and have almost done away with how we used to do our things. Why because we know deep within us how we did things were less senseful, slower, less productive, time wasting, uncomfortable, stressful, immature and unreliable. That’s why we copy and imitate almost everything they do even now. When I hear people talking about Africanism on the radio, it annoys me so much. Like what are you promoting? Is it the female circumcision we used to do? Is it the pouring of libations, is it the sacrificing of humans? is it the making of tribal marks? The things we once used to do, now we call them outmoded practices. Funny. We call them outmoded because we’ve realized they were senseless and unbeneficial. As years pass by, we keep realizing how immature we once were. All we think about is food, sex and sleep that’s all. And all we do is chase after these things only. Nothing less nothing more.

The ‘black person’ gets a house, car and some pretty lady and thus all. He thinks he is on top of the world. He sees himself as sitting on the throne of God. The entire aim of an average Ghanaian is to get car, house and a love partner. He thinks not about his fellow human being. He thinks not about how he can make someone feel comfortable. How he can make someone also smile. How he can contribute to making this world a better place to live. He thinks not about that. He only thinks about himself.

We are full of selfishness, self-centeredness, greed, avarice and witchcraftiness. The ‘black person’ is somewhat like aimless. Show me one thing the Whites patronize which pertains to us. Even if you find it, it will be few and negligible. But look at us. Almost everything we do and how we do things is as a result of the effort the Whites. We owe them a lot!!!! And yet they are still kind, with the right mentality!!!!! Imagine this world without the White person. Imagine the state of Ghana without the Whites. Someone even said we made a mistake to gain independence. I felt that. Independence to change nothing. Independent to rather regress. Independent to rather make things worse.

We are independent yet we can’t utilize even what we have. We don’t even know the value of what we have how much more utilizing it. No wonder we call them to come and work and supervise Black men in most our big industries. Most of the companies (if not all) in Ghana were planned and constructed by a White person. The machinery and equipment used were also shipped or imported from the White person’s country. Don’t we have trained engineers in Ghana? Don’t we have engineering graduates in Ghana? Don’t we have people with professorate degrees in Ghana? Then why did we fight for our independence? While we go and call these same White people we sacked to come and build our industries. It’s funny. All these is because we are just schooling and not educating ourselves. Never confuse education with schooling. They are completely two different things. In Ghana we school students and don’t educate them and so they come out or graduate and can’t contribute anything to make life better.

We thought we can level up with the Whites and so up till now see. ‘We thought we have reached.’ We thought we were matured then. We have almost copied everything they do yet our own never matches them. Until we change our mentality as individuals and as a nation, the Whites will always rule us indirectly. We will always be calling them to build our industries. Yet among all these we have universities and so-called big people, intellectuals with ‘big’ certificates, yet they can’t produce anything, yet when we need people to build an industry unless we bring in the ‘white person.’ So, what is the importance of our schools if at the end, the graduate can’t make anything new in this world. We’re just interested in getting a bachelor’s degree, a doctorate degree or a professorate degree, that’s all. Just so that we can get a big leadership position in a particular sector. That’s the ‘black person’ for you. And so, we have a lot of so-called engineers, scholars, graduates with doctorate and professorate degrees and whatever yet we can’t build our nation, yet we can’t operate our own plants, yet we pay huge sums of monies to the Whites to come and build a plant for us. Most of the Industries and plants in Ghana were built and supervised by Whites. Presently it hasn’t changed. So, what are the schools in Ghana for? If we just produce graduates who cannot do anything, graduates who are only complacent with receiving huge salaries or salaries that can afford them their basic needs. That black mind’s thinking is very small, it’s very limited.

No wonder we’ve politicalized everything in Ghana. Our education system is full of corruption and that’s why we produce graduates who can’t do anything only to wear suits, go to work and receive a ‘huge’ salary and call himself/herself a big man/woman. The average student in Ghana is just waiting to graduate, get a job, get salary and that’s all. Nobody is thinking of how he can make something new and how he/she can contribute to national development. We are only self-centered. The economy can also be blamed for this.

We were just in haste to gain independence without thinking about what it really means to be independent. Can we say we are independent whilst we mainly rely on foreign goods, the white's man intellect, the engineers in Europe; whilst we can’t do many things unless we get a ‘white person’? Then what was the importance of the independence? We sacked them yet we are calling them back. South Africa gained independence lately compared to us and see a difference in their economy and technological advancement. If these Europeans were still to be ruling over us, I tell you that Ghana would have looked like any of those European countries we know. So, what is the benefit we got from gaining our so-called freedom. ***Dr. Kwame Nkrumah once said: "For it would be useless to chase out the colonial rulers if the Africans who replaced them were just as greedy and ruthless,”*** and yes, the Africans who replaced them are greedy and ruthless, therefore for us to chase out the colonial rulers was rather a wrong decision!!!!!!!!

Even if our CEO’S are Black people, it is the White people who trained them. The ‘white person’? He is so unique, so wonderful. Almost every graduate is yearning to go outside and study. After we’ve been trained by the Whites, we feel we are better than them? Funny. How can a servant be greater than his master. How can a student be greater than his teacher? Until we humble ourselves and learn we wouldn’t be anything better. Until we change our mentality, we wouldn’t be anything better. There is a great contrast between how the ‘white person’ and the ‘black person’ thinks.

Little students in China are being taught how to make mini robots, toy cars …etc. and our kids are also here being taught how to sing chanting songs. The difference.

I think we have to set a full day aside as a holiday for every Ghanaian to access him/herself to identify any form of blackness in his/her mind. You sit down the whole day and access yourself. You ask yourself what are your goals in life? How can you contribute towards making this nation great?

***The Already Existing Mess***

Every Ghanaian knows in his heart there is a mess here and in Africa. If not, why do we go abroad to study. Why is it that to an average Ghanaian, going abroad is like going to heaven??!! We know the system here is not working. We know deep within us that the system isn’t working. We know it. We can’t deny it. We can’t. If it can happen that every Ghanaian who wants to fly outside can do it freely and easily, I bet you that almost everybody in Ghana will leave!!! The youths are so anxious to leave the country considering the mess in the country. Even if they are going to be cleaners in the White’s country, a lot of people are super eager and willing to go. We can’t deny this fact: no. We can’t. I just want us to know and accept that there is a mess already. I want us to know our system isn’t working 24/7. Perhaps maybe just some 20seconds/7days. We have more work to do. The system is very dilapidated such that you can’t even follow your passions and what drives you because you might lose in the end. Let’s assume a student follows his passion to pursue a particular cause like aquaculture. The truth is the probability such a student will get a good job in that field of study after school, in Ghana, is very, very low. So already the system compels the person to offer a program that after school he can easily get a job. And so, it’s not surprising most students are pursuing programs in which they are not passion-driven but looking at how the system is, they have no option than to offer a program which one can easily get a job after school.

The system now decides what the youth should do. It’s more or less like the survival of the fittest. You have to adjust to the system in order to survive. If you follow your passion, you end up losing. You see? There are many other students who really have the desire and passion to pursue a particular program but looking at what lays ahead after completing his degree he has no option than to unfollow that passion and just offer a program in which he won’t suffer after school. The state of the system goes to affects a whole lot of things negatively and goes back to weaken the system. We raise future leaders who are not driven with passion and love for the work they do. Leaders, professionals and scholars who are only money centered and have no plan to make Ghana better in their field. A lot of talents, gifts and capabilities are going useless because of how the system is.

There are many other students who are offering programs at the university for the reason being that after school they will get job which pays huge salary. Many students offer programs at the university after comparing the salaries they will be getting when working after school. You see? Because of the system, it drives a person to follow where he can survive and not his passion, yes! This is what the system is causing. Everything is messed up and no one cares. Everybody is just thinking of how he can be out of the problem by making money. The only aim of the average Ghanaian is to make money to be out of the uncomfortabilities, stress and suffering in the system. Poverty has encapsulated the system.

Everybody wants to be out of the heat. Nobody is ready to repair the damage. Nobody is ready to fix the country. We all want to make money and be free and watch others suffer in the system. Everybody is confused and chasing after our success. Nobody is ready to help fix the country. If only we will pause and help each other, contribute as one people towards the fixing of this country; fight together against bribery and corruption; fight for the betterment of this country, there is going to be a drastic change. But everybody is busy searching for money just to be out of the heat of poverty the system has imprison us into. The moment he gets out of that heat, that’s all for him.

Look at our leaders. Most of them have houses, cars and business outside. Their children are schooling outside. And they are here. Doing what? Embezzling the state funds for their personal gains. Minds encapsulated with greed, selfishness, avarice and witchcraftiness!!!!

It’s scarce to find a great political leader in Ghana whose children, family members and loved ones aren’t schooling outside. So, they know the system is not working but yet they don’t care so far as they are not affected, they don’t bother. They rather make more wealth through bribery and corruption. They fly outside to spend holidays. And the lay-man Ghanaian who was once sweating among the crowd during a campaign finds it difficult to eat three times a day. We fight for these leaders, yet we aren’t part of their plans at all. Wicked leaders, but wait, check yourself first: won’t you do the same when you are in that position? The problem is not only with the leaders but with everybody. Nobody is ready to fix the country. We are just ready to even leave the country and leave the mess behind. You see our mentality??

There was once a lecturer who inflated 87 balloons each bearing the name of his students. He then placed the balloons on the corridor and told his students that each and every one should go and find their balloon. They were spending a lot of time because each of them was trying to find their balloon. He paused them and said: ‘’Each person found it difficult to find their balloon because you were focused on finding what belongs to you and didn’t care about what belongs to your fellow. Even if just one person picks each balloon, mention the name it bears and gives it to the owner, within 10 minutes each and every one of you will be having their balloon. But rather you were focused on finding your balloon. Life is very simple if we will care about others. We will all find happiness if we are willing to help others find theirs. We will find success if we are ready to help the other person find his.” Yes. If only our leaders think about the citizens our country will be better.

Sometimes I ask myself are these youth our future leaders???? It’s very surprising. I tell you; the youth are worse more than our leaders: very aimless. All they know is sex. Nothing less nothing more. Yet they open their silly mouths to say fix the country. They say that out of jealousy and envy because if they are given the position to be our leaders, they will embezzle our funds more than anybody. The moment a Ghanaian gets the opportunity to steal state funds he doesn’t spare that opportunity.

***The two extremities***

Poverty has become common among the average Ghanaians. The system is choked. The rich get richer whilst the poor get poorer. The dilapidated system has caused what I term the two extremities. It’s either you are suffering financially, or you are financially stable. High prices of goods, lorry fare, bills and high taxes makes life difficult for the average Ghanaian. What he earns isn’t even enough to make ends meet less alone take risk in investing in business. So, the poor keeps hustling forever until He miraculously gets a breakthrough. Whilst our leaders aren’t affected by the hardship in the country. They sleep in air-conditioned rooms, drive the expensive cars, spend holidays outside, eat all kinds of delicacies and the average Ghanaian youth is choked by the poor system. He's choked with poverty. And so basically the average Ghanaian man is just looking for an opportunity to also steal. Finding genuine money in Ghana is very hard!! And so, we so most of the youth in scamming. Quite a number of boys at the university are scammers or fraudster. For what?? Money. And the girls are also ready to offer themselves for money. That’s the sad truth. The problem of Africa is very great. Our mentality has enslaved us.

***Should we have an excuse to continue with our black mentality??***

Until we are ready to sacrifice to restore our economy and fix the country, the system will never become better. It’s a fact that the system is messed up but if we use that excuse to engage in corruption and the likes, then the system will mess up more and this will go a long way to affect the future generation. Our sufferings today is really not as a result of the present leadership but what we sowed many years ago. Most times our true reflection is of what has happened some years ago. We are economically depressed not only because of what we are doing presently but what has already been done. Our decisions today will determine the Ghana tomorrow. Our decisions and actions today will determine the Ghana the next 50 years.

*Sacrifice*: Until we are willing and ready to sacrifice, we will never have a better system. It took the sacrifices of Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, those great scientists and inventors for us to have this modernized world. We shouldn’t only sacrifice if it will only benefit us. Sacrifice is not only about self but it’s also about the fellow man. A ‘white person’ sacrifices his life to go to space to explore and discover for us to gain knowledge of what is in space. He takes his time to go down the deep oceans to learn about the creatures there to give us knowledge of what is beneath the sea. The efforts of the ‘white person’ is what has made this world what it is today.

Let’s imagine that the government or various educational institutions has decided to offer admission to every fresh student to pursue whatever program he chooses whether he is qualified or not. We will see the number of students who would want to be enrolled at the university to study medicine, pharmacy, petroleum engineering, …etc. I believe we won’t even get one student who will choose agriculture or animal science or food science or aquaculture or mathematics or physics or chemistry as their choice. Almost every student will be choosing programs like medicine, pharmacy, petroleum engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, accounting, business administration and the likes. Why??? Because of the hype and flex associated with offering such programs; the availability of job after school; the average salary of a worker in that career. This shouldn’t be so. If we really follow our passions, desires, talents, strength and what drives us there should be students who will want to offer agriculture, and the likes, yes!! It’s about time we follow our passions, talents, strength and what drives us in choosing our careers. The government has a greater role to play in this. By ensuring that importance is given to any field of study in Ghana. The government must support any kind of career in Ghana. Modernization is as a result of uniformity. We need to build up and improve on all the sectors of the economy and all the areas of science and technology. We need advancement. We need knowledge and improvement.

We need to sacrifice to get something better of it. You must always sacrifice something to get something better. You got to sacrifice that $50 in that business if you want more. Success is centered on sacrifice!!! Until you are willing to sacrifice something don’t dream of getting greater things. You got to sacrifice that little seed to get more of it. And remember the day you sow the seed is not the day you reap its fruit.

We Africans are never willing to sacrifice anything. Even if we will do, it should just benefit us directly; otherwise, we won’t do it. Nobody is willing to sacrifice to make this country better. If all of us will be dedicated towards the betterment of this country, we will be willing to follow our passion in terms of choosing our career and what we want to be in future. We shouldn’t use the state of the system as an excuse to cause more mess. It’s about time we change our mindset. It’s about time we all change everything. It’s difficult to get a job related to a program like agriculture and the likes because we have actually not sat down to see the importance of agriculture. We haven’t found out yet what we can make of it. We don’t explore. We only work on what we know and that’s it. We don’t like to discover. I don’t even believe Government will employ a marine biologist because in the first place we haven’t seen the essence of marine biology. We finish school and we don’t get work in our fields of study because the government (which of course is made up of human beings like us) fail to recognize the essence and importance of those programs and some courses.

We ourselves also fail to understand the importance of what we study. How then can we make money from it? How can we use it to contribute to state development? We fail to discover what things we can make from what we study in school. We only want to do things in the way it is always done. We are not ready to discover, we aren’t ready to try new things, we aren’t ready to make great things of whatever we have. Wherever you find yourself, you can make greatness out of it. We shouldn’t let anything discourage us.

The government must support and promote all other professions in the country. The food scientist, the marine biologist, the material engineer, the agriculturalist, the farmer should all be made to feel an essence of importance. With this, I think students will get the zeal in studying which ever program they are offered to study at the tertiary, knowing that we won’t be ignored after school, but we will be given the needed support to explore and apply the knowledge gained in the field of study to contribute to national development. We need a change, and it must start from the government; this is the role of the government. With this, I think nobody will feel useless in whatever program he reads at the university. We should all feel useful. No career is limited in making money or contributing its quota to national development. We Africans only think that the only way we can get money is through salary. No millionaire or billionaire made it by salary. You got to have a big mind. You got to use that talent and skill to make something new. The money Messi receives weekly as a football player is not what other football players receive although they are all football players. We got to distinguish ourselves. We got to be unique. We got to throw off mediocrity.

*Anti-corruption*: Bribery and corruption are the greatest setback of Africa. Bribery and corruption have found its way in almost every institution and in different forms. Bribery and corruption is now almost everywhere in the country. Talk about examination leakages and malpractices, bribery to secure a job, and money embezzlement among our leaders. Even student politics is full of corruption. SRC presidents, members and executives are corrupt. Student’s financial secretaries are embezzling funds. Everybody is cheating and finding its way to make money irrespective of whether it’s right or wrong. Everybody is corrupt!!! So, are these our future leaders?? Talk about what we call ‘protocol' where for instance a SHS graduate is given an underserved admission to university by virtue of being affiliated to a particular lecturer or a profound person at that university. Even in terms of job search, 'Protocol’ has nowadays become the order of the day. It has now become the mode of survival in Ghana. Everything in Ghana has become a ‘who you know’ basis.

The first question that comes into mind when searching for a job qualification, admission or even getting some scholarships in Ghana is about who you know. Corruption has crept into almost everything we do. Almost everywhere, there is a form of corruption prevailing over there. Even a qualified and competent engineer hardly gets employment in a company if he doesn’t know anybody there. Nowadays if you want to get employment, you got to know somebody at that particular company. You see our problem??? Corruption is everywhere. Yet we shout fix the country. How can the country be fixed if we employ incompetent people, if we employ unqualified people over those qualified and trained.

Most of national development doesn’t rely on the government. Most of the national development and progress indirectly depends on we the citizens. The country’s national development indirectly depends on you the CEO of that company. Managers, supervisors, school managers, lecturers, teachers, directors, accountants, secretaries, lawyers, ministers, MP’s …etc. all form a part of the system. We have to be corrupt-free if we want a better system. There is no government without people. There is no government without the citizens. There is no government without the people. No political party or government can change the state of Africa or Ghana. It takes all and sundry to bring the change. We have to fight against corruption everywhere. We must not engage ourselves or entertain corruption in any way and in any form. Anti-corruption committees should be set to investigate into all corruption matters in the country. Bribery and corruption is the greatest setback of Africa. If we are able to conquer it, then we are almost done in building a better Africa. An Africa of solidarity. A sovereign Africa. An independent Africa. An Africa not dependent on loans!!! We need a better Ghana!! We need a better Africa!!

Look at the youth of today. I ask myself, are these the future leaders? It’s not only our leaders who got to make a change of their mentality, and fight against corruption and all that but we the youth are equally included in making Ghana and Africa better because fifty years ago these current leaders we see weren’t holding those positions; meaning fifty years to come these current leaders won’t be in those positions. It is the current young ones, the youths who will be occupying these leadership positions within the next fifty years. That’s why it’s important we don’t only focus on our leaders but also the young ones coming up for they are our future leaders.

An elected president appoints his friends as executives to run a department, association, faculty or college whether they are competent or not. We tend to vote and elect leaders based on preference and friendship and not based on who can do the work!!! Corruption is seen even among the young ones. What a pity! What a mess! We need a change. This change must not only be in the form of persuasion. Force must also be applied. Laws against corruption in any form should be made and enacted everywhere. Anti-corruption agents who are meant to fight and investigate into any form of corruption should be in every institution, schools, companies, associations, faculties, colleges, districts, …etc. Culprits should be severely dealt with to serve as a deterrent to all others. If Africa, we can conquer bribery and corruption, without any doubt, we are going to achieve a drastic and massive national development. Bribery and corruption is the greatest poison in our system.

Democracy is not the best governance for Africans. No. When you give Africans their freedom they misbehave, and this is exactly what we see. Africans are people that needs dictatorship before they do the right thing. Autocratic power invested in the right person with the right mentality (in fact, a positively crazy person) will be a great force to change Africa. See our state in this democracy. Because of this great freedom, corruption and bribery has become the order of the day. Black politics is the order of the day. Everything and everywhere is corruption.

Educational system, the government, the people, our leaders, our managers …etc. everything, everybody is corrupt. If you buy a puppy to your house, you must be ready to train it otherwise it will mess the room, it will misbehave but if you constantly hit it when it misbehaves, you constantly train it, it will pick up and will conform soon. It will reach a time it will start acting matured. It won’t no longer piss on your bed sheet, it won’t no longer poop anywhere, it won’t no longer eat from anything. This is how Africans behave and dictatorship will be the solution. Until you constantly impose strict laws and regulations on them, they don’t conform.

See how ‘Galamsey’ has destroyed and it’s destroying our water bodies and our leaders are idle. They can’t do anything about it, even because they are even the same people behind this illegal mining. Black people for you. Democracy has given to much freedom to the people. Our leaders have taken the laws into their hands and so they do whatever they like. It’s the less privileged that suffers. The poor that suffers. The laws are just there for formality but in the real case they aren’t enforced. Our leaders have trodden over the laws of the land. They just do what they like. When they get those big positions then they feel the nation is theirs. They breach the laws anyhow and they go scot-free because they have the money to pay lawyers to make them look innocent. They partner with their fellow corrupt professional and so they are always free from the laws but when the law grabs the poor and the less privileged, it’s pitiful. But when it grabs a famous person and the rich, the case gradually becomes a ‘foolish case,’ it gradually fades away and they go scot-free. The probability the crime will even come out to public, or they will be caught by the police is even low. The police know but keeps it a secret perhaps because they have been bribed.

This is all because of democracy. The Whites were practicing the system of democracy, so we copied them. We always copy forgetting they are different people. Democracy might be good for them but not for us. It’s sad how we copy the Whites without applying our senses.

The Whites never governed us with democracy but rather with autocratic leadership and slave trade because they knew we were a kind of people that democracy won’t be the best. We aren’t people to be allowed freedom to do what we want. Look at the things we started to do after we gained independence. Just look. Tribal marking, female circumcision, unnecessary rituals and festivals, human sacrifices and may more, most of which now we claim we are enlightened and so we call them outmoded. You see the things we began to do after we gained freedom??? Give freedom to a lion at your home and see what it will do, give freedom to an untrained puppy and see what it will do. And so, the Whites really did the right thing. We weren’t matured for democracy, and I say that we are still not matured for democracy. No!!!!

See the great infrastructures and buildings these Whites constructed before we sacked them. See the great inventions, monuments, castles, schools, etc. they built. If we had allowed them to be here, Ghana would have been a better place than what we are today. You know I am not lying. Ghana has a big problem, and it is with the people. The people’s mindset is not correct. We have a problem!!!! That is why South Africa who gained independence lately compared to Ghana is better in terms of real GDP growth rate, literacy rate, internet access, youth unemployment rate, GDP per Capita, public debt, education expenditures, citizens that live below the poverty line and many more. If these Whites have ruled us with democracy, Ghana won’t even be what it is today. It would have been worse because we would only be doing unnecessary things; tribal marking, unnecessary festivals, rituals …etc.; things that do not bring any profit to the nation; things that do not bring economic progress and national development.

Pieter Willem Botha, who was a South African politician, the last prime minister of South Africa from 1978 to 1984 and the first executive state president of South Africa from 1984 to 1989 once said:

“Black people cannot rule themselves because they don’t have the brain and mental capacity to govern a society. Give them guns and they will kill themselves; give them power and they will steal all the government’s money; give them independence and democracy, they will use it to promote tribalism, ethnicity, bigotry, hatred, killings and wars!”

We need autocratic leadership that will enforce every single law. The autocratic leadership that will combat all forms of corruption; be it small or big. The autocratic leadership that will encourage the patronizing of local goods, the leadership that will motivate the youth into working to build the nation, a leadership that will prioritize the efficient utilization of our natural resources, a leadership that will prioritize digitization and technological advancement in the country, a leadership that will combat all forms of corruption in the educational system, health system, school system, examination conduction and any form of corruption in the country. We need a leadership that will be a no respect of person. Whether great or small, if you breach the law, you are dealt with according to the law. We start dealing with the leaders first.

African leaders are so corrupt. They take huge salaries, huge bonuses and allowances, ex gratia payments and all forms of money yet they do nothing. They don’t feel what the average citizen is going through. They have no idea and so they don’t care. It’s about time all those bonuses and allowances be cancelled, salaries drastically reduced. In fact, the maximum salary anybody in Ghana should receive should be ¢10000 even if you are the president or whatever. We shouldn’t be comparing salaries of workers in Europe and other continent to ours here. No. There is a huge difference between their economy and ours. So, we shouldn’t be comparing. That’s one of the silly things we do: foolish comparisons. Yes, it should make sense that a person with the same degree working outside the country earns like 10 times more than his fellow in Ghana. It should inform us how our economy is a stagnation. We won’t like it, and that will make us get the sense to do something about it but if these leaders are so comfortable in the country, they won’t see the need to focus on making things better. If we start making these changes, Ghana will change.

The leaders in the country are so much in luxury, they are so much in freedom and doing whatever they like. This nation has become their property and so they embezzle funds and care less about the Citizens. When their salaries are reduced, ex gratia is canceled, all those unnecessary allowances cancelled, they will begin to realize that the system isn’t working. Right now, they know that the system isn’t working but they don’t feel it because they live in luxury, get huge salaries and all that and so nothing pushes them to focus on making this nation better; after all the current crisis doesn’t even affect them, it rather affects the average Ghanaian. Our leaders must also feel the Heat!!!!!!!!

Our leaders are corrupt. All the political parties are all corrupt. We have leaders who defend their party more than the nation because of their greedy and selfish gains. Leaders who are ready to die for their political party other than the nation. Are we building a nation and Africa as a continent, or we are building a political party and families. This nation is not the property of our leaders. They came to meet it. We are all its citizens; we are all shareholders. We keep changing between political parties hoping things will get better, but the economy rather gets worse because these leaders are corrupt.

I strongly believe more than 50% of the personal money these our leaders have are state funds and not legally gained and so we take them back. All the money they have, 50% should be taken by the government. That won’t even make them poor. You hear of CEO’s and managers in Ghana taking more than ¢50000 as monthly salaries even excluding allowances and all that and I ask myself whether they are also in Ghana. The big problem is that the leaders aren’t feeling the crisis in the nation. They aren’t feeling it and so they are just relaxed and don’t even know what the citizens are going through. How can someone taking this salary think about the nation when he is basically not affected by whatever form of money crisis is going on in the country. When those ‘big’ people are made to also feel the heat in the country, no one will advise them to sit up and make the nation better. They will advise themselves. They will start holding crucial meetings immediately. Every messy problem needs a messy solution. The solution to Ghana and Africa’s problem is messy because the problem is also messy.

We need an autocratic leadership that will deal with all those nonsenses going on in the country. They travel abroad to spend months and come back anytime they want. They’ve taken the nation into their hands because they have the leadership positions, because they are on the wheel. A form of governance that will take out this silliness out of them is what we need. You hear of MPs in Ghana that go abroad to spend like 6 months and sometimes even more and come back any time they want. Is this even democracy? Africa, Ghana, have abused democracy as we have done to most of the things we copied from the Whites. We always copy without applying the sense behind what we copy.

A ‘no respecter of person’ governance is what we need. A governance that will strictly deal with every form of leader in the country. The people in the country behave like animals and so they need to be treated as such: autocratic leadership, force. We need the leadership that will deal most especially with the leaders in the country; the MP’s, ministers, CEO’s, managers, directors, lawyers, generals, judges, etc. for they are on the wheel. This is the time for force to be applied on these leaders.

Democracy has slowed down national development. The main root of corruption in the nation is democracy for it is based on electoral competitions. Democracy is all about political competitions and power play. Democracy is the back set of Africa!! This is not the time for political consultations. This is not the time for democracy. This is not time for politics. This is the time for autocratic leadership!! Corruption must be blown off. The day we totally conquer corruption, we start the journey of self-sufficiency because we had and still have all it takes to be self-sufficient.

**We got to accept that we are capable**

When I was in basic school, a I had a good friend who was also an excellent student. I remember, an exam we wrote in basic school: JHS 2. After the exams, the results were released and this friend of mine did very well. He performed far better than I did. So, when I went home, I thought within myself why he performed better than I did because I know it’s not because he is more intelligent than I do. So, I began to question him wisely. I asked him questions like what things he does when he goes home, the book he uses for that particular course, etc. and so after getting all these clues I didn’t hesitate to get the same science book he uses. To my surprise almost all the questions that was set for that exams were from the book. I then began to study that book seriously. I also realized he spends much time studying when he goes home than I do so I advised myself on that. Since that time, he never got a higher mark than I did in any of the nine subjects we offered in school. Things really changed. I was always on top of my class and there was a no match to me.

You always got to accept that you are capable. Accepting that alone is the beginning of your breakthrough. Until African leaders, Ghanaian leaders and the citizens accept that they are capable, they can’t make any positive change. We got to accept that we can also get to where those developed countries have gotten to. We got to accept that we can also become self-sufficient and not dependent on loans. We got to accept we are naturally endowed and got all it takes to make us a great continent. If I had looked down on myself and seen my friend has superior than I do, I wouldn’t have made any effort to make a change but I knew within me that he is not better than I do. I can equal do what he is doing, I can equally get those marks he gets and even higher than what he gets. I believed in myself that I am capable, I became desperate, I worked hard, I became serious, I sacrificed the playing for studies, I challenged myself and the tables turned. Do we believe in ourselves.

## CHAPTER 5

***Some Powerful Quotes Of Dr Kwame Nkrumah***

* “For it would be useless to chase out the colonial rulers if the Africans who replaced them were just as greedy and ruthless” - My Favourite Quote
* “Action without thought is empty. Thought without action is blind.”
* “The forces that unite us are intrinsic and greater than the superimposed influences that keep us apart”
* “We face neither East nor West; We face forward.”
* “I am not African because I was born in Africa but because Africa was born in me.”
* “Socialism in Africa today tends to lose its objective content in favour of a distracting terminology and in favour of a general confusion. Discussion centers more on the various conceivable types of socialism than upon the need for socialist development.”
* “If by their fruits we shall know them, they must first grow the fruits.”
* “For this end Africa needs a new type of citizen, a dedicated, modest, honest and informed man. A man submerges self in service to the nation and mankind. A man who abhors greed and detests vanity. A new type of man whose humility is his strength and whose integrity is his greatness.”
* “All the fair brave words spoken about freedom that had been broadcast to the four corners of the earth took seed and grew where they had not been intended.”
* “Thought without practice is empty; and action without thought is blind.”
* “It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems and that this can only be found in African unity. Divided we are weak; united, Africa could become one of the greatest forces for good in the world.”
* “Those who would judge us merely by the heights we have achieved would do well to remember the depths from which we started.”
* “Countrymen, the task ahead is great indeed, and heavy is the responsibility; and yet it is a noble and glorious challenge – a challenge which calls for the courage to dream, the courage to believe, the courage to dare, the courage to do, the courage to envision, the courage to fight, the courage to work, the courage to achieve – to achieve the highest excellency and the fullest greatness of man. Dare we ask for more in life?”
* “As far as I am concerned, I am in the knowledge that death can never extinguish the torch which I have lit in Ghana and Africa. Long after I am dead and gone, the light will continue to burn and be borne aloft, giving light and guidance to all people.”
* “Africa is a paradox which illustrates and highlights neo-colonialism. Her earth is rich, yet the products that come from above and below the soil continue to enrich, not Africans predominantly, but groups and individuals who operate to Africa’s impoverishment.”
* “Africa is one continent, one people, and one nation. The notion that in order to have a nation it is necessary for there to be a common language; a common territory and common culture has failed to stand the test of time or the scrutiny of scientific definition of objective reality… The community of economic life is the major feature within a nation, and it is the economy which holds together the people living in a territory. It is on this basis that the new Africans recognize themselves as potentially one nation, whose dominion is the entire African continent.”
* “We have awakened. We will not sleep anymore. Today, from now on, there is a new African in the world!"
* “Revolutions are brought about by men, by men who think as men of action and act as men of thought.”
* “Freedom is not something that one people can bestow on another as a gift. Thy claim it as their own and none can keep it from them.”
* “All people of African descent, whether they live in North or South America, the Caribbean, or in any part of the world are Africans and belong to the African nation.”
* “The independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is linked-up with the total liberation of the African Continent.”
* “We all want a United Africa, United not only in our concept of what unity connotes, but united in our common desire to move forward together in dealing with all the problems that can best be solved only on a continental basis.”

***Some Powerful Quotes By Other Great African Leaders***

* “Third World is a state of the mind and until we change our attitude as Africans, if there is a fourth, fifth and even sixth world, we will be in it.” ― Patrice L.O. Lumumba
* “While revolutionaries as individuals can be killed can be murdered, you cannot kill ideas.” – Thomas Sankara
* “Personalities and fame pass; the revolution must remain.” – Samora Machel
* “Our children may learn about the heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future” – Jomo Kenyatta
* “Leadership is never given on a silver platter; one has to earn it.” –Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
* “We live in a country where our young ladies who have recently attained the age of puberty cannot afford sanitary pads, but our men and women in public offices have iPads which they do not even know how to use.” ― PLO Lumumba.
* “I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear” -Nelson Mandela
* “It’s not security measures, it’s not prisons in Madrid and walls in Africa that will solve the problem.”– Alpha Oumar Konare
* “A man who says, “I have learned enough and will learn no further” should be considered as knowing nothing at all.”- Haile Selassie
* “Education is not a way to escape poverty, it is a way of fighting it.” – Julius Nyerere
* “Africa’s story has been written by others; we need to own our problems and solutions and write our story.” –Paul Kagame
* “I am an African. I owe my being to the hills and the valleys, the mountains and the glades, the rivers, the deserts, the trees, the flowers, the seas and the ever-changing seasons that define the face of our native land.” – Thabo Mbeki
* “Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone’s head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children” – Amilcar Cabral.
* “Africa needs back its economy, its politics, its culture, its languages and all its patriotic writers” ― Ngugi wa Thiong’o.
* “One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised.” – Chinua Achebe
* ***“It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what will make the difference.” – Wangari Maathai***
* “My brothers and sisters, we are all winners. In this context, there is no victor and no vanquished. We have demonstrated, even in our diversity, the progress of Nigeria remains paramount for all.” - Goodluck Jonathan
* “There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living” – Nelson Mandela
* “Ambition never comes to an end” – Kenneth Kaunda
* “The seeds of success in every nation on Earth are best planted in women and children” –Joyce Banda
* “One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised.” – Chinua Achebe
* “Africa must revert to what it was before the imperialists divided it. These are artificial divisions which we, in our pan-African concept, will seek to remove.” – Robert Mugabe
* “Men have singled out women of outstanding merit and put them on a pedestal to avoid recognizing the capabilities of all women” –Huda Sha’arawi
* “Africa does not need your sympathy or Overseas Development Assistance. Africa needs a fair chance to trade with the rest of the world and amongst ourselves.” – John Mahama
* “I don’t know which party my wife belongs to, but she belongs to my kitchen and my living room and the other room. So, I claim superior knowledge over her and the rest of the opposition, because in the end I have succeeded. It’s not easy to satisfy the whole
* Nigerian opposition parties or to participate in the government.” – Muhammadu Buhari

**100 Best African Leadership Quotes by Matshona Dhliwayo**

1. Respect is greater than fear
2. You can’t buy trust; you have to earn it.
3. Tell the truth but tell it well.
4. Forgive, but don’t expect to be forgiven.
5. Take the least but give the most.
6. Life begins at the end of your fears.
7. You may not control the ocean, but you can guide the rivers that feed it.
8. If you try to step in a river with both feet, you will drown.
9. To learn how to win learn how not to lose.
10. No one can conquer what has conquered itself.
11. Obstacles teach you how to win. Opportunities teach you how not to fail.
12. Play like you’ve never won. Win like you’ve never lost.
13. If you throw in your towel, someone may pick it up and use it better than you.
14. Strive to be well known and you are intelligent. Strive to be worth knowing and you are wise.
15. Never stab anyone in the back, always stab your friends in the front.
16. Not even God can change the past, but an ant can even change the future.
17. If you put all your eggs in one basket, make sure it doesn’t have a hole in it.
18. Accomplishing great things requires paying attention to little ones.
19. Any army of disciplined ants is greater than an army of undisciplined elephants.
20. If you serve who others will not, you can lead who others cannot.
21. The right follower is better than the wrong leader.
22. Those who don’t matter are those who make you matter.
23. If you are waiting for the perfect leaders, you are waiting for the perfect disappointment.
24. A title doesn’t make you a leader, an achievement does.
25. Force is strength, diplomacy is power.
26. Management is giving orders. Leadership is giving help.
27. People see things as they are, not as you do.
28. If you can change yourself, you can change the world
29. Chase ideas, not money.
30. Dreaming inside of the box is intelligence. Dreaming outside of the box is intelligence.
31. Never talk yourself out of an opportunity.
32. One who limits others limits himself.
33. Intelligence will help you cross a river; imagination will help you cross an ocean.
34. One who wishes to cross the sky first builds a plane.
35. Make your own luck, you have the ingredients.
36. Setbacks are catalysts for comebacks.
37. Use failures arrows for firewood.
38. If you have the world on your shoulders, make sure someone is helping you carry it.
39. A bow is useless without an arrow.
40. The ships weight does not intimidate the ocean.
41. When the sky is empty so are the rivers.
42. When the world pulls you down, you are responsible for pulling yourself up.
43. A boat that sails is better than a ship that sinks.
44. Respect is the beginning of honor.
45. Power is better than weakness.
46. I would rather be the tail of a serpent than be the head of a mouse.
47. It is better to be feared by elephants than to be respected by ants.
48. The wisdom of sheep is foolishness to lions.
49. A brave ant is better than a cowardly elephant.
50. Increase your strengths. Reduce your weaknesses. Multiply your opportunities.
51. Resist what weakens you. Embrace what strengthens you.
52. Attack strategically. Retreat intelligently. Advance shrewdly.
53. Knowing when to act is intelligence; knowing when not to is wisdom
54. Concealing a weakness is as wise as concealing a strength.
55. A snake can wound even a lion.
56. The eye of a serpent is greater than the ear of a wolf.
57. A wise ant better than a foolish elephant.
58. Reality introduces you to the world. Awareness introduces the world to you.
59. Learn to live. Live to learn.
60. The power hungry are inferior to the knowledge hungry.
61. Learn it alls are wiser than know it alls.
62. What you don’t know is more important than what you know.
63. Never strip a village of its elders.
64. If you choose money over education, you will always be poor.
65. Create the change you want to pass on to your children.
66. One who leads from the front is greater than one who leads from behind.
67. Every lesson you learn is a blank check.
68. The crown of wisdom comes from the scepter of reason.
69. A book is a whole school that you can fit onto your shelf.
70. Never follow anyone who doesn’t know where he is going.
71. Don’t believe what people say, believe what people do.
72. When you fall do not automatically assume those standing around you are there to pick you up.
73. Appeasing your enemies is more dangerous than confronting them.
74. A poor friend is better than a rich enemy.
75. One who benefits from his enemies is wiser than one who merely benefits from his friends.
76. The vices of the wise benefit them more than the virtues of fools.
77. Peace is the highest heaven; bitterness is the highest hell.
78. It is better to live in a hut with peace than in a palace with bitterness.
79. In the midst of sheep, sleep with one eye open. In the midst of lions, sleep with both eyes open.
80. When you are ahead of your time, it is inevitable you will anger some people for leaving them behind.
81. An ant that is feared is greater than a lion that is despised.
82. A wolf that rules the jungle is greater than a lion that rules the forest.
83. One who is first in a pond is better than one who is second in a sea.
84. One who builds a village is better than one who destroys a city.
85. The power of belief is greater than the power of doubt.
86. The power of imagination is greater than the power of reality.
87. Realists see things as they are; optimists see things as they should be.
88. Intelligence will help you make a living; imagination will help you make a life.
89. Growing old is not the same as growing up.
90. If you fish and catch nothing, you have caught a lesson.
91. The messenger is never to be blamed for the message.
92. Truth is a divine spring; no matter how many draw from it, it will never run dry.
93. Accepting things you cannot change is wiser than complaining about them.
94. Be the miracle everyone has been waiting for.
95. Go further than everyone believed you could.
96. Use challenges to your advantage.
97. Surround yourself with people better than you.
98. Become the best at what you do.
99. Be the leader you never had

100.Leadership is influence, not titles

***Imagination***

What Is Imagination?

According to Oxford, it is ‘The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images, or concepts of external objects not present to the senses.’ And ‘The ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful.’

Imagination has been the main fuel to all these inventions, discoveries, laws, theories and civilization we see today. Imagination is what changes the world. Inventors, law and theory proposals spend much time imagining. People spend ample time on social media rather than using that time to imagine something; forming new ideas, images, objects, imagining how you a particular inexistent object can make something better. Without imagination there wouldn’t be civilization.

**The 43 Best Quotes On Imagination [copied from www.writerswrite.co.za]**

1. Imagination has brought mankind through the Dark Ages to its present state of civilization. Imagination led Columbus to discover America. Imagination led Franklin to discover electricity. Imagination has given us the steam engine, the telephone, the talking-machine and the automobile, for these things had to be dreamed of before they became realities. So, I believe that dreams – daydreams, you know, with your eyes wide open and your brain-machinery whizzing – are likely to lead to the betterment of the world. The imaginative child will become the imaginative man or woman most apt to create, to invent, and therefore to foster civilization. ~L. Frank Baum
2. You need imagination in order to imagine a future that doesn’t exist. ~Azar Nafisi
3. Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will. ~George Bernard Shaw
4. Imagination is the eye of the soul. ~Joseph Joubert
5. Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning. ~Gloria Steinem
6. A book is a device to ignite the imagination. ~Alan Bennett
7. If you fall in love with the imagination, you understand that it is a free spirit. It will go anywhere, and it can do anything. ~Alice Walker
8. Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality. ~Jules de Gaultier
9. The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless. ~Jean-Jacques Rousseau
10. Writing is a job, a talent, but it’s also the place to go in your head. It is the imaginary friend you drink your tea with in the afternoon. ~Ann Patchett
11. Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere. ~Carl Sagan
12. And by the way, everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt. ~Sylvia Plath
13. What is now proved was once only imagined. ~William Blake
14. I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. ~Albert Einstein
15. Everything you can imagine is real. ~Pablo Picasso
16. I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death. ~Robert Fulghum
17. Stories of imagination tend to upset those without one. ~Terry Pratchett
18. Imagination is like a muscle. I found out that the more I wrote, the bigger it got. ~Philip José Farmer
19. I believe in the power of the imagination to remake the world, to release the truth within us, to hold back the night, to transcend death, to charm motorways, to ingratiate ourselves with birds, to enlist the confidences of madmen. ~J.G. Ballard
20. You can’t depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. ~Mark Twain
21. My imagination makes me human and makes me a fool; it gives me all the world and exiles me from it. ~Ursula K. Le Guin
22. You are lucky to be one of those people who wishes to build sandcastles with words, who is willing to create a place where your imagination can wander. ~Anne Lamott
23. Hate is a lack of imagination. ~Graham Greene
24. Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humour to console him for what he is. ~Francis Bacon
25. To know is nothing at all; to imagine is everything. ~Anatole France
26. Imagination is the voice of daring. If there is anything godlike about God, it is that. He dared to imagine everything. ~Henry Miller
27. Imagination is not only the uniquely human capacity to envision that which is not, and, therefore, the foundation of all invention and innovation. In its arguably most transformative and revelatory capacity, it is the power that enables us to empathize with humans whose experiences we have never shared. ~J.K. Rowling
28. I spin worlds where we could be together. I dream you. For me, imagination and desire are very close. ~Jeanette Winterson
29. I think imagination is at the heart of everything we do. Scientific discoveries couldn’t have happened without imagination. Art, music, and literature couldn’t exist without imagination. And so, anything that strengthens imagination, and reading certainly does that, can help us for the rest of our lives. ~Lloyd Alexander
30. Every good writer I know needs to go into some deep, quiet place to do work that is fully imagined. And what the Internet brings is lots of vulgar data. It is the antithesis of the imagination. It leaves nothing to the imagination. ~Jonathan Franzen
31. You need to be a little bit crazy. Crazy is the price you pay for having an imagination. It’s your superpower. Tapping into the dream. It’s a good thing not a bad thing. ~Ruth Ozeki
32. The thinking mind is best controlled by the imagination. ~Carson McCullers
33. A man, to be greatly good, must imagine intensely and comprehensively; he must put himself in the place of another and many others; the pains and pleasures of his species must become his own. The great instrument of moral good is the imagination. ~Percy Bysshe Shelley
34. I believe in the goodness of imagination. ~Sue Monk Kidd
35. All human accomplishment has this same origin, identically. Imagination is a force of nature. Is this not enough to make a person full of ecstasy? Imagination, imagination, imagination! It converts to actual. It sustains, it alters, it redeems! ~Saul Bellow
36. There is the strange power we have of changing facts by the force of the imagination. ~Virginia Woolf
37. Adults are bad at remembering how powerful they can be because somewhere along the line, they were shamed for their imagination. ~Stephen Chbosky
38. Imperfection inspires invention, imagination, creativity. It stimulates. The more I feel imperfect, the more I feel alive. ~Jhumpa Lahiri
39. Your imagination, my dear fellow, is worth more than you imagine. ~Louis Aragon
40. The writer must have a good imagination to begin with, but the imagination has to be muscular, which means it must be exercised in a disciplined way, day in and day out, by writing, failing, succeeding and revising. ~Stephen King
41. Writing a novel is not merely going on a shopping expedition across the border to an unreal land: it is hours and years spent in the factories, the streets, the cathedrals of the imagination. ~Janet Frame
42. The soul without imagination is what an observatory would be without a telescope. ~Henry Ward Beecher
43. We all have an obligation to daydream. We have an obligation to imagine. It is easy to pretend that nobody can change anything, that society is huge, and the individual is less than nothing. But the truth is individuals make the future, and they do it by imagining that things can be different. ~Neil Gaiman

## CHAPTER 6

***The Right attitude towards Making Africa Better***

Leaving our country or Africa won’t make Africa or Ghana better. It won’t change anything. The problem isn’t with the country or anything here but with the people!!!! The problem is with us. So, if you think you will leave Africa, thereby leaving the problems behind then you got it wrong because you are the problem, not the country or the continent. We want to run from the problem forgetting that we are the problem. We ourselves are the problem. We need a fixing. We need a change of mentality!!! Nobody is ready to help fix this country. But we are ready to leave. For whom to fix? Nobody is ready to make Ghana and Africa better. We think it’s the work of government, our leaders, our ministers, our MP’s, the president and the politicians only. They have a greater duty in fixing the country. But we ourselves aren’t exempted.

Bribery and corruption is not only among our leaders but we the youth are even more corrupt and aimless. We just study to write exams and pass. We never think about how we can make good use of the things we study in school. How we can utilize and work on our talents and gifts to make Africa a better place. We only think about ourselves. And how we can be successful in life. To us, success only means having a car, house, a fiancée, iPhone: that’s all. So, the moment we achieve one or more of these, we think we have achieved success, and we aren’t no longer part of the problem. We talk about our leaders being corrupt, which is true, but the truth is, we speak as such because we aren’t in that position. If we are given that position, I bet you, we will do worse things.

The Ghanaian I meet daily(mostly) leaves me with the perception that the men in power are only but a reflection of us; most people will do same (if not worse) of the things they consider to be awful. We only see wrong when we are not benefiting, if we’re then everything is fine. We are desperately waiting like people wait in a queue waiting for their turn to be served. As they serve those in front you realize you feel so desperate and impatient for your turn; everything going on bugs or nags you: that’s it. We complain of everything going on in the country. We blame and insult government and our leaders to be the cause of economic hardship, yet we will be doing same or even worse when we also get into those positions.

***Experience Is Not Always The Best Teacher***

We Africans think experience is always the best teacher but it’s not always true. It’s good to have experience. As a CEO or manager, I would prefer to employ a person with experience in a particular field over a person without experience in the same field.

Dr. Benjamin K. D. Asante, a Ghanaian engineer and international consultant for the gas and oil industry and the chief executive officer of the Ghana National Gas Company once spoke about a part of his career life. I might not be able to narrate the story very well. But I just want to buttress my point here. In the story, he said when he was outside the country, and as a young engineer working for an oil and gas company there, it happened that the company needed to either purchase or construct a new pipeline. And there was this highly experienced worker namely ‘Tom Parker' who had more than 25 years of experience in the oil and gas industry and very experienced about pipelines and all that. He has been the one in charge of their pipelines for all these years.

So, the managers consulted this man about the pipeline to use, the diameter, the length and all that. And he made a suggestion on the kind of pipeline they should purchase. With Tom Parker’s suggestion, that kind of pipeline will be very costly, considering the length, the diameter and all the requirements given by him. According to Tom Parker that is the kind of pipeline they have been using for many years and it’s very effective and it functions efficiently. It performs the role it’s expected to perform. And so, he suggests they purchase the same kind of pipelines they’ve been using. Dr Ben Asante was actually not in agreement with Tom Parker’s suggestion so I think he consulted one of the managers to also give his opinion on the type of pipeline he thinks will be best. So, the managers were like they should go and rethink and come back with what they really think would be the best pipeline to purchase.

After the time given to them, both of them brought their suggestions. Tom Parker suggested a particular type of pipeline with certain diameter, length, etc. and per his suggestion such pipeline was very costly. Dr. Ben Asante also made a suggestion of a pipeline with a particular inner and outer diameter, with a particular length, etc. So, after careful thoughts, research and all that, they realized that the suggestion Dr Ben Asante gave about the type of pipeline to purchase was cheaper than Tom Parker’s suggestion yet both pipelines will perform the same function. Tom Parker’s suggestion will lead to wastage of a huge sum of money yet that pipeline is as efficient as what Dr Ben Asante suggested, yet one will cost a lot of money whilst the other will cost less money.

After a careful thought about it they picked Dr Ben Asante’s suggestion and rejected Tom Parker’s own. With this they realized how Tom Parker has in the many years and in the long run cost huge loses to the company. He has been their advisor in terms of pipeline construction and all that. If Dr Ben Asante hadn’t come in, they would have used Tom Parker’s suggestion as they always do. They furiously sacked Tom Parker and promoted Dr Ben Asante, yes; after realizing how that man had caused huge loses to the company for many years.

The problem with Tom Parker was that perhaps that’s the kind of pipeline they always use, and it performs the needed function so always they need those kinds of pipelines. We most times do and use the same kind of method since it does what we want it to do for us without thinking whether we can do something better or change that method for a better one. He had experience though but that was an experience centered on always doing the same thing; always using the same kind of pipeline. He never thought of improvement, a better change, an increase productivity and efficiency. He didn’t take time to really understand and research more on what he already knows. He didn’t update himself. He didn’t think of getting better pipelines. He didn’t think of how he can use his experience to save money for the company, how he can use his experience to reduce cost and wastage, how he can use his experience to increase his knowledge in his field. He thought he had many years of experience and so he is a boss. Yet that experience was just a lay man’s experience: a mediocre experience. An experience in doing the same thing over and over again.

We may have experience, but we may not really understand what we do. We refuse to understand the concept and science behind what we do. We refuse to update ourselves with knowledge. We refuse to learn more. The difference between a non-professional mechanics and a professional mechanics is that the professional mechanics understands the science and concept behind what he does whereas the non-professional doesn’t really understand the concept and science behind what he does. The non-professional mechanic can do his work perfectly because he has experience since he has been doing that work for many years. And so, when a problem arises that needs to be solved, a mechanical problem he hasn’t encountered before he can’t solve it. That’s why a professional mechanic is paid more than a non-professional mechanic.

We need to be able to solve new problems. We gain knowledge in school not only to solve already known problems but new ones as well. That’s what makes the difference; understanding the concept behind whatever professionalism we claim we have. Experience should be a steppingstone to being a professional expert. What made Dr Ben Asante better than Tom Parker was that Dr. Ben Asante really understood what he has studied. He really understood the concept behind choosing a pipeline for a particular work. Tom Parker was always doing the same thing in the same way without deep insight of what he does. He never updated himself. He never thought of how he can do things in a better way. He never yearned to try and discover new ways of doing things. He never tried new things. He was content with doing the same thing always so far it always yields good results.

We always think someone with many years of experience is better than someone with less experience. It might most times be true but not always. Maybe the one with most experience is like Tom Parker; always doing the same thing without trying and discovering new ways of doing what he does in a better way. Tom Parker had experience, but he was rather causing huge financial loses to the company. If we claim that we have experience in anything we do, we should be ready to solve new problems. We should try and discover new ways of doing things. We should update ourselves. We should understand what we do and not just do it. How we do things always in the same way might always work for us but that may not be the best way we could have done it; maybe there is a better way of doing what we do.

Africans and their leaders are like Tom Parker. Our leaders come to power and do what is required of them. They do what the previous leaders did. They don’t think about how to make new things. We shouldn’t expect a change if we aren’t ready to do new things.

And of late, almost every company in Ghana is only ready to employ people with experience. I ask myself, “where are they expecting those people to get that experience since everywhere they go experience is demanded from them.” So where should they go and get the experience. Companies should make budget and plan to train fresh graduates to gain experience and work for them.

**Our Culture and Traditions**

Culture can be defined as all the ways of life including arts, beliefs and institutions of a population that are passed down from generation to generation. Culture has been called “the way of life for an entire society.” As such, it includes codes of manners, dress, language, religion, rituals, art**.** Traditions describe a group’s beliefs and behaviors that are passed down from one generation to another. Culture describes the shared characteristics of the entire group, which has been amassed throughout its history**.** Every nation, group of people and society have its own form of cultures and traditions.

I will be more centered on Ghana, Africa. We have a lot of cultures and traditions that has been with us for decades. It’s so sad to realize some of the cultural practices our ancestors were practicing. Now we claim we are wised and now we call those practices outmoded cultural practices. Yes, an outmoded culture is archaic and very harmful to certain individuals. Examples of some of the outmoded cultural practices in Ghana are female genital mutilation, child betrothal and marriage, cruel widowhood rites, Trokosi system, tribal marking and many more. Most of these cultural practices were still ongoing fifty years ago and of course some people still practice these. Good to say all these are now illegalized in Ghana. Some of the reasons behind some of these cultural practices:

*Female genital mutilation [copied from Pub Med.com]*

[Men used to refuse marriage of intact women. One of the reasons behind female genital mutilation is to control women’s sexuality such that intact women were seen to be dishonorable prostitutes. It is also widely believed that the clitoris connotes maleness, and the prepuce of the penis connotes femaleness. Those who hold these beliefs, therefore, insist that both be removed before a person is accepted as an adult. It is additionally claimed that female genitalia are ugly and dirty and must be removed to enhance beauty and cleanliness. Female genital mutilation is perpetrated because it gives men power over women as a group. While no religion specifically requires female genital mutilation, patriarchal religions create the cultural milieu that allows this practice to continue.]

Now we’ve realized the reasons we had for practicing such an act are unwise- that’s good-. Just want you to see how our forefathers were thinking. How a typical ‘black person’ thinks.

*Cruel widowhood rites*

[These practices include widows being tortured, stripped naked, having their hairs shaved, forced to drink concoctions prepared with leaves, hairs and fingernails of their late husbands. Such rites have been described as dehumanizing and uncivilized by observers. To me it’s nothing but a waste of time, resources. That’s Africa for you, that’s the kind of people we are. We prioritize unimportant things more than things that will bring productivity, economic growth, financial stability, peace and a comfortable life for everyone]

*The Trokosi system [copied from rom theconversation.com]*

[*Trokosi is a traditional system where virgin girls, some as young as six years old, are sent into Troxovi shrines (shrines for gods) as slaves to make amends for wrongs committed by a member of the virgin girl’s family. Until the Trokosi system came to the attention of the general public in the 1990s, girls sent to the shrines stayed for life. After the 90’s some of the priests and elders were willing to let the girls go back home after a few years, for a few months, but had to return whenever they were sent for. When they die, the family must replace her with another virgin girl. This means that the family will pay reparation, of one girl, forever.*

*The Trokosi system is based on the belief that gods have the power to search for wrongdoers and punish them. People who feel an injustice has been committed against them, go to the shrine and place a curse on the offender so that they will be punished by the gods. These curses take several forms, strange sicknesses, unexplained deaths, incurable diseases or successive deaths within a family.*

*When the virgin girls are sent to the shrines, they become the “wives of the gods” and are sexually exploited by the priests and shrine elders. The shrine priest is the spiritual head of the shrine and “proxy for the gods” while clansmen can be appointed as elders of the shrine. The girls are forced to work in any capacity that suits these priests and elders – for instance, on their farms. If there are children born out of the relationship with them, they become the responsibility of the virgin girls’ family.*

*The Trokosi girls live in constant hunger, deprivation, and poverty.*

*How prevalent is it and where is it practiced?*

*It’s not sure when Trokosi systems began, but it’s an ancient practice. The word Trokosi comes from the Ewe language, Ewe communities found in Benin, Togo and Ghana. It’s a combination of two Ewe words “tro” and “kosi.” “Tro” means god or deity, and “kosi” means slave. Trokosi therefore means “slave of god.”*

*Most of the people that live in the southern Volta Region of Ghana, southern Togo, and southern Benin believe and practice the Trokosi system. I was involved in the liberation campaign of the Trokosis in the 1990s, and by 2002, 4,000 women and children from 52 shrines were liberated.*

*Why has it been a challenge for governments to end it?*

*In 1998 the Ghanaian government passed a law criminalizing the Trokosi practice.*

*Despite this, it continued because governmental agencies responsible for enforcing the law didn’t have the courage to arrest the family members, priests or shrine owners. The system invokes fear in the hearts of most people including the law enforcement personnel.*

*Trokosi practicing communities strongly believe in the power of gods to cause calamities to families. Trokosi priests ensure they are reminded of this by issuing warnings that they must send their virgin girls as objects of reparation.*

*The practice also thrives because there’s a group of traditionalists, mostly male, who strongly believe that Trokosi is part of the Ewe’s cultural heritage and must be preserved. They therefore oppose every attempt to stop the practice.*

*What other approaches should be tried?*

*Over the past two decades, Ghana’s human rights commission and various NGOs adopted different intervention approaches to end the practice. The strategies which worked best included:*

* *Joint campaigns involving both NGOs and Ghana’s commission on human rights*
* *Negotiations with priests and shrine elders to set slaves free and sign legal documents to ensure they won’t go back to the practice. In exchange they receive a package that will help them generate income, replacing the loss of human capital. For instance, a number of cows that they can breed.*
* *Whilst the Trokosi women are still enslaved they can be provided with vocational skills training. They gain much needed skills which will help them generate income and support their children in the future – and it also creates some distance between them and the shrine as they attend the training in centers every day. Once free, the women need micro-financing and also emotional and mental support.*
* *Finally, since this issue is a gross human rights violation against women and children, the International Community should put pressure on the government and people of Ghana to enforce the 1998 law making the Trokosi practice a crime. If pressure is brought by international organizations such as the United Nations, African Union, ECOWAS, European Union etc. the practice of Trokosi in West Africa can be brought to an end quickly*]

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All these Nonsense!!!!!! That is how we think, that’s how a person with a black mentality thinks. Unnecessary, wicked, unbeneficial practices and beliefs is what our minds are full of. The average ‘black person’s mind is a little bit ahead of that of animals (remember in this book I refer a ‘black person’ as someone with a black mentality and not a black skin). Our minds are encapsulated with nothing but greed, wickedness, stupid beliefs and practices, idol worship, evil spirits and many more.

In ancient, human sacrifice for chiefs was a practice. We spend almost all our time on rituals, blood shedding, gods, idol worship etc. No wonder, it’s because we have nothing doing. We don’t think about how we can increase productivity, how we can let our agriculture sector fetch us more money, how we can make good use of the many natural resources we have. We rather wake up and all we think about is unnecessary practices, rituals and idol worship. Are all these idols and smaller gods not evil spirits?? ‘Evil’ spirits and we expect good things from them? I think we should rethink. Maybe we don’t believe they are evil spirit. In Christianity, all these practices, those rituals, blood shedding, sacrifices for gods, and all that are idol worship, and we are just inviting evil spirits into our lives and our matters. No wonder, Ghana, Africa is a mess because the evil spirits we’ve tolerated are even more than the human beings. The nation is full of evil spirits and so its people are also evil. Do we expect national development, economic growth and prosperity in our lives amidst all these evil spirits we’ve tolerated?

Christianity is the largest religion in Ghana, with 71.3% of the country’s population being member of various Christian denominations as of 2021 census. The arrival of the Europeans in 15th century into the then Gold Coast brought Christianity to the land. There were many different cultural groups across the West African region who were practicing different forms of spirituality. So about 600 years ago there were basically no Christians in Ghana then Called Gold coast. But now, about 71.3% of these same people have thrown away their old religion. You will only throw away something which is not necessary, something you don’t value, something you want to discard, something which smells bad, a waste, an unimportant thing, yes! So now most of us are Christians. I think we haven’t thought about these rituals, idol worship, sacrifices and some practices we do. All these practices: sacrificing animals to gods during festivals, when a chief dies, etc. are all idol worship. Biblically they are all idol worship. All those shrines, smaller gods, carved images as gods, etc. are all idol worship and they aren’t the spirit of God. In the name of ‘oh it’s part of our culture, it’s a tradition,’ is not an excuse! All these are idol worship and as a Christian you should know better. Evil spirits don’t offer anything good. “Every Good and perfect gift comes from the Lord.” Now, about 71.3% of Ghanaians are Christians and we deem it a great privilege to be a Christian otherwise we would have not gotten salvation. Think of the people who first introduced this religion to us, saving a lot of people’s souls generations after generations. Why won’t God bless such people?? He has blessed them; He is blessing them, and He will continue to bless them.

There is only one God and one Savior: our Lord and master Jesus Christ. Nobody else. And there is only one way to God; through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a Christian you should know what you believe. You should know what you stand for. You should know whom you are worshipping. You should know the God you are serving, and you should serve Him with all diligence, honour, respect and with all glorify, not tolerating any other form of idol worship. I think we need to realize this if we call ourselves Christians.

Muslims also don’t believe in these idol worship. If we stand on our grounds and don’t tolerate and engage ourselves in these acts of rituals, and evil spiritualisms then there will be a very few people who will be doing that. Those acts will then gradually fade away.

Think of how these Whites are so unique. We had and still have more natural resources than them. We were naturally blessed, but we can’t compare ourselves to them. They are more economically stable, productive, technologically advanced than we do. It’s rare you will find all these rituals, blood shedding, evil spiritualism acts and all that in the European countries. Of course, those acts are also there but they don’t over prioritize them. They prioritize first things first. Probably they are thinking of how to digitize money transactions, how to make robots, how to make electrical cars, etc. and we are here thinking of how to bury and have a funeral for a chief who died two years ago. Ghana, Africa we prioritize the less important things first. It’s pitiful.

When a chief dies in Ghana, we take it as ‘world cup’: all the town inhabitants should wear red, shops should close down for days, curfews here and there, rituals here and there, light outs here and there. Less important things rather energize us more than anything. We get energized about things that won’t add any value to our lives, things that won’t lessen the poverty in the country. The ‘white person’ first prioritizes the more important things first. He is energetic about things that will bring national development, economic stability, etc. other than less important things. See how beautiful their nation is compared to ours. See how rich they are compared to us. Upon all the rituals we do; the sacrifices, traditions, idol worship and all that we rather become poorer. These Whites don’t give a damn to these things; they aren’t so particular about rituals, deities, spirituality, etc. but see their lives: spectacular. We should begin to think about these things. We exaggerate everything. Even with the use of ‘please’ we misuse it. You ask a Ghanaian, what’s his name and he will answer you with ‘please’ my name is …., You ask a Ghanaian, where are you going? and they will first answer you with ‘please.’ Everything you ask they answer with ‘please’ with the mentality that it shows respect.

There is a Ghanaian festival where food is spread on the ground so that the gods will give them abundant of food for the following year. Absolutely nonsense. That is the African mindset, that is the black mindset. We are lazy, we don’t want to work and only rely on deities and spirituality. We expect spirits to do everything for us and so we don’t want to do anything. The Chinese, Indians, these Whites were thinking of how to build skyscrapers, make ships, make cars, build the Burj Khalifa, produce electricity, make robots, etc. and we were thinking of how to make the gods give us food. The two extremities. These two people think completely different.

No wonder we keep on importing foods from outside, we even import water, tooth sticks, tomatoes and some petty things that will baffle you. A country with a lot of natural resources, forests, trees and yet import these petty things should tell you how Ghanaians and Africans have a low mind. We don’t know the value of what we have neither do we know how to efficiently make good use of what we have and that is why we are where we are today. Roads that lead to villages -that has a lot of vegetation and farms- which provides fruits, vegetables, tubers, etc. are very poor, untarred, and very bad. A means of transport to these villages is very tedious. Hence most of these foods spoil during their transportation. A lot of harvested foods in Ghana don’t end up being consumed due to lack of storage facilities, lack of food processing industries, lack of good transportation to these food sources which are usually in the villages, yet we rather spend money building the cities whilst we forget it’s the villages that makes the cities. More than 70% of the fruits and vegetables we consume locally are from the villages. Yet we don’t provide the necessary infrastructure to make good use of the resources in the villages. We end up importing these same things which is in abundant in the villages from different countries. Because our leaders don’t care. As far as they have their monies, cars, houses, businesses, women, etc. they care less. They spend the nation’s money anyhow. It’s very sad. Shouldn’t we rather export a lot of these foods to other countries because we have them in abundant? Yet we rather import some whilst a lot of these foods perish in our own land.

I’m not so much against some of our traditions and culture. That’s our way of life. The Whites also have their cultures. But the problem is we over prioritize them. That is the problem. If you are doing something and you realize what you are doing is not important, you stop it and do a better one. As you grow, you get matured? What does it mean? You begin to put childish behaviors aside. The very things you use to do, you realize they weren’t important, so you stop doing them. That is a person who is growing. That is a person who is maturing. It seems it takes a long time for Ghana as a nation to grow. It takes a long time for us to realize some childish things we are doing presently. In fifty years’ time, we will be calling most of our present cultures outmoded. We only learn, we only grow after decades. I want us to realize certain childish things we do now!!!!! We got to realize them now!!!!! It’s good we’ve realized that some of these practices are inhumane, and we’ve illegalized them. It’s a good news, but we ought to continue. There are a lot of these kind of practices we do now that we haven’t realized how unimportant they are. Sadly, we only realize them after many years.

Africans, we don’t like change. The cultures, traditions are okay if it’s making a positive impact. But, if not, then it’s not necessary, let’s stop it. It’s okay to maintain traditions but if it hasn’t made any positive impact on the economy and the lives of the people for all these years then why continue doing it? Or we just take pride in maintaining culture? Why maintain something that hasn’t benefited you for many years? Guess we have nothing doing, that’s why. So, we just take pride in maintaining culture whether it’s human right abuse or not, whether it’s sensible or not. If we start to use our brains, we will shun a lot of things. We should be people who are always ready for change. The man with the right mentality is always ready for any change that will make things better. Change is very important.

We copied how marriage ceremony, funeral, etc. are done from the Whites and we over prioritized them. I can give a lot of examples. One funeral rite takes a lot of weeks. Activities like giving offerings to the spirits of the ancestors, performing different types of separation and special rites, drumming, dancing, singing dirges, pouring libations, wake-keeping, large amount of food that must be prepared to serve the guests, loud traditional dancing and drumming to accompany the dead on their journey, thanksgiving service, this and that. And so even if your mother or father dies you even end up worrying more on the expenses awaiting you for the funeral more than the fact that you have lost a loved one. The money to spend on food alone is heartbreaking, then other rituals, sacrifices and activities here and there. This is even an average person who has died, how much more a prominent person? You can imagine what will be done.

What is my point here? We over prioritize things too much. We overspend. See the money, resources, TIME, and useful things that goes into burying only one person. It’s not so with the Whites. Everything is simple and straightforward. The person is dead. It’s sad but you can’t do anything about it. A befitting burial is good, but we should learn to do it wisely, cutting down costs and all that.

We over prioritize less important things too much, not only with funerals but wedding ceremonies, etc. That is a problem.

**We think it’s only the aged that has wisdom/sense**

Another problem with us is that we think it’s only the aged that has wisdom. We forget that foolish people also grow old. If an old person gives his opinion and a young person gives his opinion, we don’t hesitate but accept what the old man says to be right or sensible because he is older. Age is not always affiliated to sense. Being older than someone doesn’t mean you have more sense or wisdom that the person. Africans think it’s only the aged that has wisdom, knowledge or experience. Age shouldn’t always matter. Not all advices from old people you should listen to. Remember that Foolish people also grow old. We think sense is automatically embedded in the aged and so sometimes some people are denied some positions just because they are young meanwhile, they have all the potentials and qualities to be given that position.

This mindset has affected and is affecting some of the youth. We tend to be slaves to whatever our parents tell us whether it is sensible or not. To the extent that we sometimes let our parents dictate to us what program we should offer at the tertiary level whether it conflicts with our interest or not.

**Naming of children with biblical names**

Here we are: ‘black person.’ We always abuse everything. All that we imitate from the Whites, we end up abusing them. We’ve cultivated the habits of naming children with biblical names too much. A father names his son Samson and thinks for that reason he will be a strong man or names him Esther thinking that will make her a virtuous woman one day. You hear of many names like Prosper, Peace, Divine, Success, ‘Sika,’ …etc. in Ghana. They are all good. But Being called Prosper doesn’t mean you will prosper. Being called Samson doesn’t mean you will be physically strong. This mindset is making some people have some unnecessary beliefs.

A friend of mine called Joseph is in a family of eleven. He is a Christian and reads the bible a lot. He always tells me he will be Joseph in the bible that’s why he is called Joseph and so he will be greater than all his brethren as Joseph in the bible become superior than his brethren. He sticks to this belief so much that it has made him idle and lazy. Clinging on that hope and practices he expects all the good fortunes that happened to Joseph in the bible to happen to him in his life because he is called Joseph. The ‘black person’ doesn’t want to work but want success through foolish means. We abuse faith. And so, parents name their children with good names with the belief that the child will be a perfect example of such characters in the bible. He wants success for his son and so he names his baby Success. He wants prosperity and so he names his son Prosper. Whether you name your child prosper or failure, it can never determine who the child will be in future just like that. As a Christian, I believe names have influence on people. There are a number of times God had to change the names of some characters in the bible. God changed the name of Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel, etc.

Actually, names should be a reflection of who we are, but a father or mother doesn’t know who a child who be when he is born so won’t be able to know who the child is or who he will be to know his name. I believe it’s only God who knows our real and rightful names because He alone knows us. No wonder God changed some people’s name in the bible. So, the name given to each person by the parent doesn’t actually reflect who you are. Being called Success doesn’t mean you must succeed in life. Being called Peace doesn’t mean you will have peace in your life, or you will always bring peace, no! Everything must have a name and that’s the reason we all have a name. Our names don’t reflect anything in the future that much unless that name was given by God. God told Joseph the name he should give to Jesus Christ when he is born. That was a perfect name because it was given by God and not man. If God had not told Joseph anything he would definitely have given him a different name. So, we shouldn’t be so expectant of certain positive outcomes in our lives because of the names we bear. Nope. Africans are so super religious.

Let’s observe some of the names of the Whites. They have names like Stone, Brown, Green, Wood, Hut, Parker, Blind, Rice, etc. and we Africans mostly bear the most magical, excellent and most goodly names one can think about. Talk about names like Blessings, Prosper, Success, Peace, ‘Sika,’ Wisdom, Solomon, and all other biblical names you can mention, yet these Whites are prosperous more than us. They are developed and advanced in terms of almost everything as compared to us.

We tend to be super religious. We believe in miracles and supernatural powers too much. We don’t want to work out our success. We want the names we bear to work it out for us. We are always after miracles, signs and wonders and not reality. We don’t want to sow but we want to reap. We don’t want to invest but we want to earn supernaturally or whatever. We want prayers to work for ourselves, but we don’t want to work for own selves. Even the bible says we should work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. For the ‘black person’ he wants prayers and 40 days fasting to work for his salvation. Life is all about balance. We tend to be more religious than the people who introduced Christianity to us. Everything we do, we want a supernatural or deity to work for us.

The name you bear can have an influence in your life. Your name might have an influence on you negatively or positively, but an influence is nothing until you give in to that influence!!! For example, if you have friends who are smokers and they influence you to also smoke, you will never become like them until you succumb to that influence. An influence is just a steppingstone to becoming. But you have the willpower to determine whatever you want to do. Everybody has a willpower, and nobody can take that from you. Nothing can take that will-power from you. Every human being has a willpower. You decide what you want to do or make out of your life. Any influence isn’t enough to decide for you.

You saying you are a millionaire every morning won’t make you a millionaire automatically. But doing this will spark something in you automatically to work towards being that millionaire; so does names. It just creates an influence. Be it a spiritual influence or whatever, you just have to know nothing can make or unmake you. You have the willpower!!!!

**Gender Equality**

Feminism is about all genders having equal rights and opportunities. It’s about respecting diverse women’s experiences, identities, knowledge and strengths, and striving to empower all women to realize their full rights. Feminism should be promoted. This equality here shouldn’t be taken as equity. If you say ‘what men can do, women can do better’ then I think both genders should be given equal opportunities; fairness should be displayed. Fairness in all circumstances. You shouldn’t give one-inch opportunity to a man and a two-inch opportunity to a lady and then use the results after to claim that a woman can do anything perfectly like a man and even better. Women fight for gender equality but only at certain levels like politics, office jobs, scholarships, corporate positions and all of those ‘fine’ jobs and not bricklaying, Blacksmithing, plumbing, masonry, construction, line working and all of those heavy-duty jobs. You’ve drawn the line already. You see. So, it means feminism should be promoted on a sensible base. It shouldn’t be abused.

We have abused feminism and now women are much more prioritized over men in many circumstances such as scholarship opportunities, job opportunities, court cases and many other examples. This is becoming too much. I advocate for equality, fairness and not equity. If we are advocating for feminism (gender equality), then it should be exactly that. Same and equal opportunity is given to both genders. I mean the word equal. Nowadays men are denied several opportunities because of this feminism thing. I think we should learn how to balance our lives. Equality and equity are different things all together. With the same and equal opportunities, you will realize men and women aren’t the same. There are things men can do that women can’t do better and there are things women can do that men can’t do better. We got to draw the line and put everything to where it belongs.

We have interchanged this equality for equity, and this is making the men rather lose their place. Scholarships are applied under the same conditions, and they give the women an upper hand just because they are women. Is this equality?? Is this feminism?? The scholarship opportunity should be given without considering gender as far as gender equality is concerned. If after doing that and you realize 95 men were qualified and only 5 women were qualified, then that’s it. This is fairness but giving the lady an upper hand means she gets qualified not necessarily because she deserved it but just because she was a lady, so she was given an advantage. And after they will say women can do better. This doesn’t depict fairness. I advocate for fairness.

It’s incredibly sad this is becoming common in the employment sector such that when a man and a woman are seeking for the same job especially in the field of engineering and others, the lady is given priority over the man and so the probability she will get that job over that man is very high. For the worst case this form of equity shouldn’t be tolerated especially in the job market. Men must be really prioritized especially in terms of employment; these are my reasons: it’s the responsibility of a man to take care of her wife and family financially, emotionally etc. If a woman is jobless, it doesn’t pose much problem like the man. There are a lot of women who are jobless, yet they live a luxurious lifestyle because of their man. The man works and toils just to get money for the wife and the family. The responsibility is mainly on the man. So, you’ve realized that men go through a lot.

When a man falls, he doesn’t have anybody to lift him, but a woman doesn’t even fall, and she’s lifted by a man. When the average man gets money, he mainly spends it on his woman. That’s life. Men work for women. That’s it. So why should women be given an upper hand in the job market. Equality should be advocated. Even if all the men in the world are employed and all the women in the world are unemployed, I tell you that you won’t find any woman who can’t make ends meet. Men are ready to work for women. I’m not saying education is only for men! Get me right! I’m advocating for fairness!

We’ve over emphasized on this feminism thing and it’s becoming a great threat to our society. The purpose of feminism is to empower all women to realize their full rights. That is the purpose of feminism. So, you realize that only few women would want to offer engineering program because they think they don’t have the capacity to do engineering, you empower them, you motivate them, you convince them that women can also become an engineer. Of course, giving ladies an upper hand in some opportunities may be to empower them and the younger generation. That’s fine but we should learn to draw the line, we should learn to balance it; otherwise, we end up not being fair to the men.

**Active Listening**

Active listening doesn’t mean you don’t get to share your ideas; it just means you understand what has been said before talking. Our own personal thoughts, judgements, beliefs and assumptions can distort what we hear. So, before you respond take one more opportunity to reflect back what has been said. Reflect what has been said in your own words. Try to understand what is being put across. Try and get the point behind it and not just how you heard it or how you read it.

**If It Is Meant to Be, It Will Be**

Another misconception we have is whatever is meant to be, will be. Because of this mindset, we easily give up. And so, when a person tries something and fails, he begins to think it isn’t meant for him to succeed in that thing and so that’s the reason he fails and then he gives up. Nothing is meant to be or not meant to be!!! Never!! It all depends on our decisions and choices.

In the bible God loved and bless Jacob even in the womb over Esau because He foreknew the choices they will make. God never just makes someone great just like that. God is not selective. If God told you, you would become the greatest surgeon in the world, it’s because He has seen the future and not that he made you so automatically. He has seen the decisions and choices you will make. Everybody has his own willpower to decide what he want. God will never force you to be who you don’t want to be. He has given each and every one of us our willpower to make our own choices and decisions. If you decide to be work hard and make money you will make the money. We are what we are because of what we decide to do not that something is meant to be automatically. We Africans think somethings are meant to be in our lives and so whether we sleep or lazy around without working that thing will be. This an abysmal misconception.

You are what you are based on what you decide to be. Your future is in your hands. God himself has placed it in your own hands. Let’s assume that God told you that you will become the greatest musician in the next decade. Knowing this, you will become lazy and wouldn’t work much on your music career because you know since God has said it nothing can stop it. But remember that God told you that based on what he saw you will do in the future which will make you that greatest musician. So, God knows you will make certain decisions, you will work hard, you will be determined, and you will become that great musician. Now you see why we never know our future??? Because the moment we know our future, in fact that future we know can’t even manifest because the moment we know our future verbatim, we will not do what we would have done to get us to that future. That’s why we never know our future. That’s why God won’t tell you your future.

Cristiano Ronaldo never knew he would become one of the Greatest footballers of all time. Through hard work, persistency, determination, desperation and perseverance he has become what he is today. Do you think if he saw and knew verbatim that whatever happens he will be one of the greatest footballers, he would have worked hard?? Perhaps he would have just been training for just some few minutes. Have a lot of sleep, party out, relax, easily give up; knowing that no matter what happens he will become a great footballer. The truth about life is nobody knows his/her tomorrow. The future is in your own hands. The past cannot be changed but the future is in your power. Never think something is meant to be in your life if you don’t work towards it.

It’s good to believe something is meant to happened in our life. It’s good to believe you will be that great scientist, doctor, president, teacher or father in future. But that is just a believe until you work it out. Whatever you believe in should rather give you the energy to work towards it to make that vision a reality.

God told Joseph that his Son would be a King and a great person in future yet when the king ordered the killings of all male child in Israel, God told Joseph in a vision to take the child to a different country. Perhaps Joseph could have said “God has told me the future of this baby so whatever I do he will be a King so there is no need to escape. The king can’t do anything.” Joseph never did that. Maybe God knew Joseph was not having a black mentality, so He told him the future of the child. God himself wasn’t like ‘oh no matter what anybody does, my Son will be a King, so there is no need for Joseph to escape to any country. Joseph sleep and feel at home. Nobody can do you anything.’ This should tell you that nothing is meant to be just like that. It’s meant to be if and only if you will do what is meant to be done for that thing to happen. You got to work it out!!!

If God says you will be a great pilot, it’s because he saw the decisions and choices you made in the future. If you don’t make those decisions and choices God saw you made in the future which made you that pilot, then definitely you are not going to become that pilot. Because that promise is tied up to something you would do!! So, if you refuse to do that thing that promise will never come to pass. That’s why No one knows his future. God doesn’t tell us our tomorrow. Nobody knows his future, and such is Life. Let’s assume you know you will die tomorrow in a car accident; will you even bother to drive or sit in a car tomorrow?? Never. Perhaps you would sleep the whole day in your room. That’s why you won’t know!!!! We don’t know the future because the moment we know the future, then it’s somewhat like what we know isn’t the future. So, the major condition for the future is that we should be ignorant of it. Let’s assume you have an exam to write tomorrow, and God tells you that you will be getting 95% in that exam. You know God cannot lie and that it will surely come to pass so you won’t put much energy into studies knowing that you have already excelled greatly. So why should God tell you the future? Maybe He told you the future which was based on the condition that you were ignorant. But after telling you, you are no longer ignorant so that future won’t stand. Unless it’s a kind of future your actions can’t change anything or better still God knows if He tells you, it won’t affect what you would have done.

So, let’s devoid our minds of that mentality of ‘if it is meant to be, it will be.’ That mentality will just leave you idle and lazy all the time. Never out that in your mind. Follow on your passions, talents and what drives you. Work on yourself, don’t give up, work hard, persevere, have faith, don’t give up, work hard again, Do Your Best, Pray, ask God for His intervention and you will make it!!

**Spirituality**

Spirituality in Ghana is very high. In Ghana, if you are a Christian and you don’t pray often, you die early and you are prone to illnesses and all forms of spiritual attacks. Why because there are a lot of evil spirits in the system: those in people, those in trees, those in rivers and lake. In Africa, almost everything we do has a spiritual background. Everything about spirits. Are we spirit beings or human beings?? I wonder. Witchcraftiness, a common thing. How then will we go on?? If you doubt me; it’s almost a norm in Ghana, when someone is going abroad, the person does not tell people maybe except the people he really trusts, maybe only his family members and maybe a few friends. Why because we know what our fellow Ghanaian is capable of doing. People getting to know you are going outside basically means you aren’t going. They will work everything out spiritually to make sure that you won’t go. That is Ghana for you. It will baffle you that about one-fourth of your colleagues or friends have these kinds of spirits residing in them. I can’t prove that though, but I know what I’m talking about. So, the average Christian in Ghana, Africa spends a lot of time praying against witches and wizards and spiritual forces. It’s not surprising that being a pastor in Ghana is a very lucrative job because many people are seeking spiritual protection, spiritual guidance and many more. Fake pastors have tended to use this opportunity to amass wealth. The problem of Africa, Ghana is very big. Our problem is a big one and messy and so it’s solution should also look messy. It doesn’t only have a physical root but a spiritual one as well. African’s problem is very big. You can’t talk about spirituality in Africa and leave Benin. Look, those spirits are evil, they aren’t spirits from God and they have nothing good for us.

White people don’t spend so much time on spirituality, they don’t pray for long hours as we do, they don’t spend so many hours in church like we do yet they are always prosperous. Yes, because they haven’t tolerated the company of those evil spirits through rituals and others. Life is simple but Africans insist to make it complicated.

Bear with me, I have to explain something using the bible:

Evil spirits are not from God. But they are all satanic. Biblically Satan and his angels were cast unto the earth. These spirits have inhabited rivers, lakes, trees, stones, etc. and even people. Satan or evil spirits are not only bad. They have a good part and that’s what they use to take advantage of man. The devil won’t come as a devil but as a good man to deceive you. Now, according to the bible, God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of knowledge, of Good and evil’ otherwise they will die.

What did you read? “Of knowledge, Good and evil.” One tree but it has a good part and a bad part. That tree wasn’t of God but of the devil. The tree of life was of God. I want to buttress my point that Satan is not only bad. You can get money from money rituals, etc. but you got to commit a great sin to get that money. That is Satan. He hides behind a nice veil but he’s wicked inside. The devil isn’t 100% bad but has a good part; however, the handiwork of God Almighty is 100% excellent; it has no bad side. He promised us a better world with perfect things; not these inventions that are good but can also be harmful.

Spirits have been with man since the ancient days of man. Let’s take it back to these Egyptians, thousands of years ago. Spiritualism was common among the ancient Egyptians. Magic was also common.

Exodus 7:8-13 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.’” So, Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so, the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods. And Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the Lord had said.

Now turning a rod into a serpent is never a physical act. It can never be proven or explained biologically, scientifically or whatever. It’s a spiritual act. Now it was the spirit of God that caused Aaron to be able to turn a rod into a snake and it was a contrary spirit that turned the rods of the magicians into snakes. God’s spirit being greater than the spirits of the devil was able to overcome them, so Aaron’s snake swallowed the magician’s snakes.

Magic was fundamental to human life in Ancient Egypt. Many Egyptian deities invoked magic for healing and protection, including Heka, Shed, Tutu, Wadjet, Isis, and Bes. In Ancient Egypt, magic was invoked through deities, primarily by trained priests, but also by pharaohs, magicians, and ordinary people.

Let’s take it back to the tree of knowledge, of good and evil. Now every evil spirit has these three attributes: knowledge, good and evil. There are many inventions and natural discoveries which cannot be explained scientifically or biologically and have no engineering root, but they exist. I believe these evil spirits do inspire some humans to do some wonders through inventions and the likes. Turning a rod to snake was a wonder, the mystical burning lamp and some few magical discoveries and inventions occurred in history and do occur presently.

We know of some occult and magical activities that occurs during festivals and grand occasions; Acts which cannot be proven physically. I strongly believe evil spirits are not only abundant in Africa. What makes the difference is what we make out of it. These Egyptian magicians were having evil spirits but were using them for magic, for protection, healing, wonder discoveries and here we are. African’s evil spirits is nothing but witchcraftiness. The ‘white person,’ even with his evil spirit brings out the good to make wonders for his name through great inventions and discoveries. So, I believe evil spirits are not only in Africa but also among the Whites, but they channel it through magic, making great and mind-blowing inventions.

In Africa, people fly at night for what reason? To destroy his fellow man. To put sickness on his fellow man, to block his fellow man’s breakthroughs. These things are rarely and basically doesn’t exist in the European countries. That’s why we don’t prosper because there are a lot of witches and wizards fighting against a person. If you take one person there is definitely a witch or wizard fighting him/her. I won’t be surprised if about one-fourth of the Ghanaian population are witches. How can there be prosperity in the land? How?

There is a saying that power without character is demonic, and that is the state of African leadership.

Indeed, Africa Was Great!!!!! The History of Africa is a wonder. The root of civilization we see today began in Africa. Africa had and still has all it takes to make it the greatest and strongest continent in the world, but now we have lost who we are. We have lost our culture, we have lost our identity, we have lost our greatness. It all began when we allowed greed, avarice and wickedness to take over our minds then we started to misuse spiritualism in the form of witchcraftiness, occultism, etc.

**The Ancient Egyptians**

Africa is a great continent. The root of civilization is Egypt, Africa. Great Civilization manifested in the ancient hieroglyphic writing, the pyramids, the desert sands (where the remains of prehistoric people were preserved: mummification), the calendar, toothpaste, clocks, paper, makeups, surgical equipment, burial pits, carved figure, decorated pottery and so on: Legendary inventions.

The Ancient Egypt is a delightful story and a great inspiration to Africans. All these great inventions were as a result of people with the right mentality It’s not surprising that most Egyptians have a white/fair skin colour. Although they are part of Africa, they aren’t black in terms of skin colour and mentality unlike many other Africans. I’m being convinced skin colour most times gives a clue about a person’s mindset: whether they got a black mindset or not, or probably.

Something is distinctive about the Black person. The average White person has a good, developmental and a right mentality and the average Black person has a ‘black’ mentality. So sad. Does complexion/skin colour say something about the mindset? A great question. If you analyze closely, you will realize most of the distinguished African countries like Egypt, South Africa, Tunisia, Botswana, Mauritius, Morocco, etc. have a relatively high number of its citizens with fair skin. I want to establish a relationship between having a fair or white skin and having a better mentality (a mentality which is geared towards national development; a better condition for all and sundry).

Africa is Great. The root of spirituality is Africa. History and the bible show spiritualism has a great root in Africa, Egypt. Spirituality in magic, deities, great inventions, civilization, rituals; the average lifestyle of the ancient Egypt was spirituality. Sadly, we’ve misused the great benefits spirituality offers.

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As I emphatically stated earlier, you can have a white skin as snow but have a black mentality and you can have a black skin like bitumen but with the right mentality. What we need to change is our mindset. We need leach any form of blackness on our brains. If we start to do this, there will be a great change in Africa and the world.

## CHAPTER 7

**A GREAT THOUGHT**

I have really thought about Africans-why we are what we are-, and this thought came into mind:

Genesis 5:13 “The very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark”

Genesis 9:18-27 “Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah***, and from these the whole earth was populated***. And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said:

‘***Cursed*** be Canaan;

A servant of servants

He shall be to his brethren.”

And he said:

“Blessed be the Lord,

The God of Shem,

And may Canaan be his servant.

May God enlarge Japheth,

And may he dwell in the tents of Shem;

And may Canaan be his servant. ‘”

Read everything again!!! It was through these three men that the entire world was populated. One was cursed and the other two were blessed.

This great story is telling us something. Think about it.

If we have a root from that curse, then I can say the tongue is a very powerful weapon indeed!!

“NO ONE IS MORE HATED THAN HE WHO SPEAKS THE TRUTH”- Plato.

***Be Motivated***

*These 3 Keys*

1. Trust/Faith in God.

2. Patience; Learn to wait on God.

3. Perseverance; Don’t give up, don’t give in.

* If there are no enemies inside, the enemies outside cannot operate. Think about it.
* Salt and Sugar have the same colour but opposite taste.
* God Never Disappoints a person who trust Him. He can’t, He doesn’t, He Won’t.
* If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.
* Meeting each other IS NOT by accident.
* We most times feel lonely because we get far away from our own selves.
* The first person you must love, motivate, encourage, and care for is your own self.
* When Grace and Opportunity Meets, Success Is Born.
* Don’t force yourself to please society or man😊…. You Can’t Please Everybody. NEVER. Barabbas was even preferred over Jesus Christ; even God, not everybody likes Him. Think About It.✍️
* It’s just a matter of time. You might be a nobody; you might be hopeless, and it might look impossible. No matter the condition, when it’s your time, you will be great. Believe You will be great. Believing is not what will make you great, but by believing, you automatically work towards it even without knowing and that is the beginning of your lyrics.
* Don’t Misplace THE pen; because you will use that same pen to pen down the victory.
* Always see that task as easy and simple, and it will be.
* It’s very easy for love to turn into hate but very difficult and scarce for hate to turn into love.
* Faith, patience & perseverance.
* I hate the scars, but I love the stories they tell.
* No one is you and that is your power.
* Your secret is your destiny. When you expose your secrets, you expose yourself so learn how to keep secrets.
* I hear and I forget, I see, and I remember, I do and I understand - Confucius

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit - Aristotle

* Obstacles can’t stop you. Problems can’t stop you. Most of all people can’t stop you. You are the only person who can stop your own self.
* You don’t really see the value of something until you lose it.
* The worst among the best is better than the best among the worst.
* The best thing which teaches how to live is to know that one will die.
* The worst thing than blindness is to have a sight but no vision.
* TIME IS MONEY, time is success, time is progress, time is opportunity, time is a new chance. Everything you want is imbedded in Time. Surprisingly, it’s free. It all depends on how you make good use of it; if you waste it, you can’t get it back; not even packs of gold can. The difference between you and those in the grave is that those in the grave are short of time. Their time is finished. How do you value time?
* You want to become strong without going through a refining? You want to gain without going through pain? You want to be refined without being crushed and pressed?
* To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction and whatever is sown, the same thing is reaped
* The magnitude of pain inflected must produce the same magnitude of gain so don’t get so much bothered when you go through certain pains, because it would yield equal magnitude of gain. And that gain can be strength, lessons, wisdom, growth, etc.
* God’s timing is the best. Learn to wait!!
* Life is a fleeting but the prints you leave are indelible.

Things to know if it is the Will of God

- It must be scriptural

- God will put it in your heart

- God will make the way, he will make the provision

***Arise Ghana Youth For Your Country*** 🎵🎶

Arise Ghana youth for your country

The nation demands your devotion

Let us all unite to uphold her

And make her great and strong

*Refrain*;

We are all involved

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In building our motherland

***Together We can make it!!***

Let’s arise, Ghana Youth, for our country, for Africa. We have what it takes to achieve national development and self-sufficiency. The nation demands our devotion. The nation demands our sacrifice. The nation demands our contribution. The nation demands our love. The nation demands our quota. Let's all unite with solidarity to uphold her in high esteem. And make her great and strong. We are all Involved!!!! We are all Involved!! In building our motherland. The responsibility is not only on the government or on any political party or our leaders. It’s the responsibility of all and sundry to glean our beloved country. Together we can make it happen.

**GHANA’S NATIONAL ANTHEM 🎵🎶**

God bless our homeland Ghana,

And make our nation great and strong,

Bold to defend forever,

The cause of Freedom and of Right.

Fill our hearts with true humility

Make us cherish fearless honesty,

And help us to resist oppressor’s rule

With all our will and might for evermore.

Hail to thy name, O Ghana,

To thee we make our solemn vow:

Steadfast to build together

A nation strong in Unity;

With our gifts of mind and strength of arm,

Whether night or day, in mist or storm,

In every need what’er the call may be,

To serve thee, Ghana, now and evermore.

Raise high the flag of Ghana

And one with Africa advance;

Black star of hope and honour,

To all who thirst for liberty;

Where the banner of Ghana freely flies,

May the way of freedom truly lie

Arise, arise, O sons of Ghanaland,

And under God march on for evermore.

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**THE NATIONAL PLEDGE**

I promise on my honour to be faithful and loyal to Ghana my Motherland.

I pledge myself to the service of Ghana, with all my strength and with all my heart.

I promise to hold in high esteem our heritage, won for us through the blood and toil of our fathers; and I pledge myself in all things to uphold and defend the good name of Ghana.

So, help me God.

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL AND MAKE US GREAT.

THANK YOU.

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