

## “Are ALL Nigerians Impulsive Wrong Doers? (IDEAS for Making Nigeria Better) – By Tayo K. Solagbade

I am passionate about influencing positive change. That’s why I often write what some have called “epic” posts. Most online discussions ☺

At a point, it occurred to me that adding such voluminous content (*sometimes 2000 words long!*) to another person’s thread can be impolite. Plus, **tracking, archiving and retrieving** ideas posted, for future reference can be difficult. Much gets buried under new “status” updates! **What if Facebook shuts down, or loses all its data?**

The above made me commence publishing most of my serious musings in PDF form, and invite interested persons to simply click on a direct download link to read more.

This is **Issue No. 6** in the series. For past issue(s), Google this: ***My Ideas for Making Nigeria Better, tayo solagbade.***

Someone posted the comments below in response to mine on a friend’s wall today. Not a single one of those assertions he made applies to me in ANY way.

====Starts====

"Let us note this; that we may be worst than these leaders should we be in their shoes. We all drive against traffic, many of have official ages, we cut corners at our various offices etc. What are we saying. The problem of Nigeria as a nation is endemic and it is a reflection of all of us..."from a comment into this PDF paper!

====Ends====

I tried posted my response to that effect, but it occurred to me that it was just too long, and would be better served in this PDF format. You can read the comment (and the post) at: <http://tinyurl.com/AreAllNigeriansWrongDoers>

### Why This Approach?

I’m trying to make it easier to refer people I engage with, to my thoughts and ideas. So I do NOT have to repeat myself each time. **More of us can do this!**

At some point, I’m hopeful that we can **COLLATE** all our ideas, to develop - **and IMPLEMENT!** - Useful actions plans that will change Nigeria for the better!

### Why No Details (Even a By-Line!) About Me in this PDF?

Yes. Not even a by-line. This initiative is about Nigeria – not me. If you’re keen, Google “**Tayo Solagbade**”. **What you learn should make you take my ideas seriously** ☺

He wrote (in part):

***"Let us note this; that we may be worst than these leaders should we be in their shoes. We all drive against traffic, many of have official ages, we cut corners at our various offices etc. What are we saying. The problem of Nigeria as a nation is endemic and it is a reflection of all of us..."***

See <http://tinyurl.com/AreAllNigeriansWrongDoers>

What follows below, is my response:

@<name removed>...Thank you for your comment...

However, I must note that you made ONE very big, fat mistake in responding to my comment...

The mistake you made is FAILING to first of all VERIFY WHO exactly you were directing your comments to.

**For instance regarding what you wrote above...**

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# Do you actually believe ALL THAT?

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What you said above convinces me we're in trouble i.e. US who claim to be EDUCATED.

We have given up on ourselves. And that is why a smart young mind like yours can accept to SAY what you said here...that "we all drive against traffic...have official ages.."

Who told you THAT? What gave you that impression that every Nigerian is that twisted upstairs????

In future, I urge you, NOT to make such blanket assumptions about people.

Speak for yourself or those you know.

**But when addressing people you do not know, try and do a little bit of background checking before you make yourself look bad.**

## Every single thing you said above CAN NEVER apply to me - Tayo Kayode Adekunle Solagbade.

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It is not possible. I got into trouble with MANY people at different times of my life for trying to be "Mr Holy".

**1. For your benefit, and the benefit of others who have annoyed me in the past by calling in radio and TV to say the same misleading thing, I feel compelled to re-tell the short personal story below.**

It illustrates the fact that we are FAILING to fight back against bad elements who are dictating the affairs of this country.

In 2002 (10 years ago) – my startup year - a friend told me "**Tayo, people like you cannot do business in Nigeria, because you're too honest. You will eventually get frustrated.**"

It's amazing that fellow Nigerians can make life so difficult for one another.

At least 2 clients pressured me on my adopted stance of not engaging in over-invoicing. This was as I worked for them.

And I was ALWAYS the one who did not attend church or mosque. All of them were religious. Yet they engaged in these practices. With very few exceptions!

**One person - a relative who owned his own business - told me if I wanted to get win projects that mattered I needed to allow over-invoicing.**

I told him I would not be a monkey working, while a baboon will be chopping from my sweat. Then he got up and walked away in a huff saying "Then you'll remain small!"

**I'm not saying everybody is dishonest. But I'm saying MANY honest business owners are accepting to give in to giving EGUNJE because they feel they cannot fight it.**

So they give in.

*I refused and I suffered MAJOR humiliation for being that way. Believe me, my stubbornness has made my wife and kids experience major suffering for years!*

I just could not accept the idea of working like that. So I shifted ALL my energy to the web.

Of course they told me that only worked for Oyinbo people and people in Oyinbo land.

I ignored them.

Then when I saw that power supply was stifling me, I moved to Benin Republic on 1st April 2013.

I continued working 18 to 20 hours EVERY day including Sunday.

Well, today, the rest is history.

## 2. I don't know about you, but my birth certificate is ORIGINAL. (See below)

I have NEVER used an affidavit to declare my age, and anyone on Facebook can always compute how old I am, because I NEVER leave the YEAR field empty. Compare it to what is on my birth certificate at: <http://tinyurl.com/txsbcert>

# NOW, LET'S LOOK AT YOU...

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*I practice what I preach.*

**So, after reading your comment, I took my time to browse your Facebook profile backwards by 2 months. and I also check your About page.**

But I was shocked by what I found on your wall, Really shocked.

**Your Have Affirmations On Your Wall Which Contradict What You've Said HERE!**

*About 9 hours ago, just today, you posted "TRUE CONFESSION IN RIGHTETOUSNESS IS YOUR POSSESSION IN CHRIST JESUS."*

I want you to reflect on the contents of the excerpts below, which I copied from your "True Confessions" post, and compare with what you posted saying that "We all drive against traffic...cut corners in our offices..."

*Note that by saying "We", you included yourself!*

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*"No. 6: I am not a picture of what the national economy and institutionalised wickedness has restructured the people to be."*

I ask, if you believed the above, how come you found it so easy to comment that "We all cut corners...The problem of Nigeria as a nation is endemic and it is a reflection of all of us..." ?

*No. 28. I am empowered to bind, to loose and to decree things and the Bible says wherever my voice is heard no one can ask me why.*

**One again, I ask:** If you believed the above what are waiting for?

Can you not see that suffering Nigeria and Nigerians NEED you to assert this power you have, and decree without worrying about anyone asking you why?

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How can you post such "True Confessionsyou're your wall and then now say "WE all cut corners, have official ages etc."

# Are you saying YOU do all those things? What a negative confession that is, coming from YOU as an anointed of God!

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The above is a good example of why I have issues with religion and religious people, and their leaders/pastors.

People say one thing here and another thing elsewhere or under different conditions.

The problem we have in Nigeria is that a man will sing one tune while out of government, then when he gets into government, he does a complete turnaround.

And he starts telling US the black we see is not black, but red!

# Is is so difficult to just stand by what you say you believe?

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I do that everyday. I say that not to brag, but to illustrate a point.

Abusive people (including exploitative clients) never had their way with me in Nigeria. Lord knows some tried - really hard too.

But I fought back and my Creator fought for me - because in EVERY instance, he led me to get competent help - even from as high up as the Lagos State Attorney General's office, where I NEVER knew anyone!

**I suggest dear friend, that you work on your FAITH, so you can fearlessly walk your talk as a true child of God.**

*Right now, you're sending conflicting messages to the world...as I've noted above.*

Let me end by responding to the 2 questions you asked

## **Your Question No. 1: Is the sponsor of this question really interested in the issue of this nation or a particular religion.**

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I refuse to be bothered by what the sponsor was interested in. Facebook allows me to voice my opinion.

I will be 44 on the 6th of July.

However, I live in another country (right across the border) and plan to move my family to join me - NOT because I like it, but because most basic necessities I need are available.

And I spend almost one third of what I spend in Nigeria, on feeding, shoes, clothes and housing here!

That means a massive drop in cost of living. So,

I see suffering masses going to religious houses everyday and not being better off. Yet the religious leaders live in comfort and dine with the political leaders.

I feel for those people because I have EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

And that is why I point out the gross inconsistency in the actions of religious and political leaders alike.

## **Your Question No. 2: Are we the contributors interested in the merit of the issue raised or a particular denomination or Pastor?**

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Again I refuse to be bothered by what contributors are interested in. What I have expressed is my opinion, based on honesty and integrity.

*If things are good for you, and because of that you tell those suffering that nothing is wrong, you OFFEND your creator. Period.*

**I'm going to share excerpts from this PDF in the Facebook post that inspired me to write it –with a direct link to it.** And that's because I'd like others to have an opportunity to read it.



**Cotonou, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 21.19**

*Chinua Achebe wrote...\**

***“Let me give one more dimension of what we were hoping to do in Biafra...”***

See page 157 of his book titled “There Was A Country: A Personal History of Biafra”.\*

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Facebook can be a powerful weapon for making positive change happen in society. However, historical evidence strongly indicates that happens in cases when most of those who use it in a particular society walk their ONLINE talk, in their daily, personal and work lives OFFLINE. Hmm...

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**Edentu Oroso** Food for thought there. I thought about this some time ago. If all the online preaching is anything to go by, Nigeria certainly will be a paradise. I share in your sentiment.

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