

The Banalities of Beastiality

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In his classics, Lord Acton, puts it clearly that 'power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely'; he went further to say that: 'of all the forces that tend to degrade and demoralise man, power is the most constant and most absolute'. Over the years, the concept of power, its acquisition, its uses and ends to its use have been the most bizarre denotations in the affairs of men. Across history, 'lust' has always been the bane of the down fall of hereos: lust for women, lust for money, lust for fun, lost for power etc. Of all these, the lust for power has been the most devastating. It has destroyed nations, failed hopes, stunted growths and has torn destinies apart. In other instances, lust for power has also enabled the pioneering and re-engineering of new political and constitutional orders, that can salvage empires and rebuild nations from the depth of failure to the grandeur of opulence. In such cases power not absolute power has been used for the benefit of the people.

Power itself is not always the problem but the modes of acquiring it and the tendency to retain it forever is. In most instances the means of attaining power also always carries with it, the instruments of its fall. Some comes to power through negotiation, others come through ballots and legitimate approaches and many others come through violent or merciless revolutions. Whichever the case may be, power must be exercised with deliberate restraint and caution and power mongers should be prepared to leave the stage when the ovation is loudest. When the exercise of power and or the exercise of absolute power fails to achieve its purpose of changing the Constitutional order, such exercise of power becomes banal and the emptiness is shown in the beast in his beastiality.

Before the debut of the Anthenial democracies where the Greece would gather in large gatherings to take popular decisions that would direct statesmen in the social contract of governance of the people, the only means of access to power known to man was through the exercise of brute Force. Nations conquered and subdued weaker nations, either through peaceful negotiations or violent revolutions. **At times revolutions work and other times they fail. When they work, the mission is thus accomplished and when they fail, such revolutions bear in it, the seeds of potential future revolutions.** Many of such abounds in history- the Biafra revolution of 1967 which carries the agitations that led to the struggle for the Biafra state today, the Isaac Adaka Boro revolutions for the rights of the ogoni/Ijaw/Urhobo/Itsekiri and many other tribes in the Niger/Delta regions which sowed the seeds of many sister revolutions to come. Thus the Ken Sarowiwa agitations which also sowed the seeds of other revolutionary forces, i.e the Niger Delta volunteer force led by Alhaji Mujahed Asari Dokubo is also one of such cases. When revolutions bring forth hereos, it's accepted and can effect a



positive change in the political and Constitutional order, but when revolutions bring forth dictators, crisis will emanate, such crisis will rise to a tingling crescendo, people will be slaughtered, soon the dictator will face isolation then counter revolutions will spring up and sooner the banalities of such beastiality will emerge and sooner the dictator will start the journey of his fall.

Across history they existed- Emperor de Bokassa of Central Africa Republic, Mobutu Sesesekou of Zaire whom the British Government helped to Overthrow the more popular Patrick Lumumba whom he assassinated and ruled for 30 years

before his fall, Field Marshal Idi-Amin of Uganda who murdered over 500,000 thousands human beings and when the decisive forces of Tanzania came, he fell. Others includes Samuel Doe of Liberia who came to power through one of the toughest revolutions, and when his former Chief Judge Charles Taylor fell out with him, the stage was set for Prince Yomi Johnson a further splinter group from Charles Taylor to cut him Dawn and macheted him to death during a peace meeting called by the ECOMOG group.

Adolf Hitler rose from a petty political agitator to become the absolute master of Germany. He stopped war reparation imposed on Germany after the first world that ended in 1919. Declared the Jews as Persona non grata and ordered them for extermination, claimed the superiority of the Aryan race over the Zion ideology and over many others. Of course, this formed the basis of his Nazi philosophy known as Nazism upon which his indoctrinated convictions rests on. In no time, he went on a unification of Poland and kill the Jews there to the last man. In 1941, he went on a large offensive and ignited Japan to bomb the states across the Pacific coast including the Pearl harbor and thus drag the American in to the war. Of note is the fact that this madness led to the atomic bombing of the twin states of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan and which effects of those destruction still tell on the world today. People never thought he would be toppled but toppled he was. Today, the world is again re-awakined to a new madness similar to 'hitlerism' where Viadmir Putin of Russia by far the aggressor and Zelensky of Ukraine seemingly the underdog have embarked on a war of mutual slaughter leading to mass massacre and acquisition of Ukrainians erstwhile territories and causing untold hardship on innocent people.

Very soon, the beast will face the banalities of his actions and doom will set in as had been in the case of Adolf Hitler and many others. So long as History does not lie and Nemesis does not fail, the banalities of the beast will soon be exposed.