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I. THE SCOPE

The collective character that thinks, reacts and comments upon the events is a concept rising from the ancient Greek tragedy. This syncretic form of artistic expressiveness (Aeschylus' plays, Sophocles' debates) represented the model to which composers referred to throughout time.

The group scenes are to be found in the medieval liturgical drama, the manifestations of the type *sacre rappresentazione* being distinctive for the fasting period before Christmas, and before Easter respectively. The path of this genre was opened with the work of Emilio de Cavalieri, *La rappresentazione di Anima e di Corpo*. Mysteries, miracles and moralities intermingled the truth with legends and paved the way for the professional drama. The religious stories were accompanied by laic elements, and from this intermingling stemmed theatrical formulas which were called by the name of *ludus* or *jeux*. The equivalent of the *mystery* from Eastern Europe, *Jocul Vicleimului* is a Romanian version of popular drama.

As a reaction towards the sacred presentations, Latin comedies appeared, having a satirical character, and being called by the name of *rappresentazione à l'antique*. The popular spirit and the suggestions of the folklore were caught up from the famous Italian May-play (in Italian called *maggio*); in England the *mask* was asserted, while in the meantime social entertainment in Spain was called *zarzuela*, thus corresponding to the French comic opera or to the German *singspiel*.

In what concerns the choral script, intermingling with different types of artistical manifestations, the madrigal played a decisive part. The end of the Italian Renaissance announced the creation of a late-phase

madrigal, time in which the dramatical character was emphasised upon. The dramatic madrigal was generated by the flowering of Italian popular drama, whose typical expression was *Commedia dell'Arte*. Orazio Vecchi, an advocate of choral counterpoint, wrote the comedy *Amfiparnasso*. The true founding father of the opera, Claudio Monteverdi concentrated on the greatest mythology motifs. During the action of dramatic madrigals such as *Il Combatimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* or *Arianna*, the chorus takes part in the tensional performance.

On the Gaelic inland, the bucolic sketches were called *pastourelle*. That's how, so as to illustrate the purity of heart and the enchantment towards nature, Germi's *Orpheus* and Emilio de Cavalieri's *Arminta* resulted.

Serving the text in the vocal music field paved the way for a new syntactic structure, successfully objectified in Bardi's *Camerata*. The new way of expressing oneself musically and dramatically was called *recitar cantando* or *stile recitativo*. The history of the lyrical genre marked this moment as being the year 1600, when in Florence the opera *Euridice* by Jacopo Peri was performed. The story of the Thracian singer was restaged by Claudio Monteverdi, on the libretto of Alessandro Striggio, thus the first masterpiece of lyrical drama resulted. The scenic chorality of *Orpheus* conferred an organic balance to the the florentines' melodrama, because the creation of Monteverdi combined two different trends: the polyphonic madrigal and the opera.

II. OPERA – MUSICAL GENRE WITH COLLECTIVE MANIFESTATIONS

Florence, Rome, Venice and Naples were the Italian cities of innovation and synthesis. From hereon, the syncretic genre spread around among all European capital cities, by means of the bands that toured.

The development of the opera in France had as starting point the court ballet, type of show which was transformed by the tandem Molière - Lully in ballet comedy and was continued by Jean Philippe Rameau. The structure of the ballet comedy included: arias, duets, tercets, etc, dances and choruses.

Hamburg with its representatives Reinhard Keiser and Georg Philipp Telemann constituted the grounds for the German opera. In Vienna Johann

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Adolphe Hasse was highly active, being a promoter of the neo-Neapolitan opera, which maintained the interest on the choral ensemble.

At the Anglican Court the musical drama arrived a little later. The rising from the ground of the English opera was done by means of Henry Purcell's masterpiece: *Dido and Enea*. His polyphonic culture helped him create impressive choruses, anticipating Händel. Less known than the oratorios, the operas of Händel are essential to the Italian style in London. The performances designed for the choruses engender the profound psychology in epic moments.

In the second stage of the development of French opera, Christoph-Willibald Gluck gave up on the ornamental side of the chorus and raised its dramatical function. His first opera, *Orpheus and Eurydice*, brings about choral formulas in all three acts, the acting people fill the scene in the opera *Alceste*, and the Greeks and Scythians are the two main groups in *Iphigenia*.

In order to define the classical musical drama, Joseph Haydn headed towards mythological themes, but also wrote buffooneries. Summing up the artistic current of his time, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart deepened the psychological characterisation, *Idomeneo*, *Re di Creta* proving themselves to be of great originality and artistry.

As to fight for its right, the 18th century ingrained to the musical theatre the combative spirit, affirming itself as a genre distinctive for the revolution. The collective expression is common to the salvation opera, because the choral moments affirm courage, patriotism - *Fidelio* by Ludwig van Beethoven.

For the German cultural space, Carl Maria von Weber represents the creator of the Romantic opera, intermingling the models *seria* and *buffa* with elements of *singspiel*. The dramatic impact interfered with the world of popular dance and singing resulting in an emotional expressive language. Among Weber's successors are Friedrich von Flotow and Otto Nicolai.

At the interference between classicism and romanticism, the grand scenic performances appeared, bearing the name of *grand-opéras*. The pompous enactment and the revolutionary fervour offered to the audience special sensations and effects.

In the romantic Italian opera, the choral ensemble was used in multiple and diverse situations. The choral effects, pervaded by patriotic and heroic accents, resonated in Vincenzo Bellini's or Gaetano Donizetti's melodramas. The impetuous force of the Rossini-like style appealed to choral moments even in the comic opera. Giuseppe Verdi continued the path of his predecessors and affirmed the expressiveness of the highly-melodious widespread patriotic singing.

The crowds were entertained by Hector Berlioz with a colossal force in his hybrid works, which mixed the oratorium with drama. In the second half of the 19th century France, the elements of lyrical tragedy merged

with the pompousness of grand opera. French romanticism was illustrated by Gounod, Massenet and Bizet.

Moving farther from the Italian and French drama, the German culture was reformed by Richard Wagner. On the background of legendary tales with mythological characters, there were altogether peoples, priests, sailors, spinners, pilgrims and vassals, and the vast sonority of the ensemble were integrated into the dramatic discourse, characterised by symphonic unity. On the path launched by Wagner's opera, Richard Strauss made his way, with more of a Southern melodic style.

At the crossroads of the 19-20th centuries, the musical drama proposed a totally new stylistic attitude. The Italian verism evolved towards the symphonising of the musical discourse, and the choral ensemble was integrated in the plot, with more or less dimensioned articulations. Illustrating the natural beauties, ethnographic reenactments, songs or religious scenes diversified the dramatic context and brought to fruition the shaking stories told by Pietro Mascagni, Ruggero Leoncavallo and Giacomo Puccini.

The agglomeration of national schools enriched the entertainment business with historical operas, popular dramas, comic operas, or characters from the sci-fi world and from legends. The Russian school enriched the historical themes with *Ivan Sussanin* by Mihail Ivanovici Glinka. In the same way Alexandr Porfirievici's *Prince Igor* was integrated. The problematics of the collective character was launched by Modest Petrovici Musorgski, along with the dramatic character of the opera *Boris Godunov*. The mass popular scenes, which highlighted different separate groups are also to be found in *Hovanscina*. The Russian nobility environment was described by Piotr Ilici Ceaikovski, who also put together a synthesis of classical Western operas and The Five.

Under the German influence, the Czech school was represented by Bedřich Smetana, Antonin Dvořák and Leoš Janáček. Ferenc Erkel, the founding father of the Hungarian Opera School was followed by Zoltán Kodály, and the Polish theatre enriched the musical repertoire with Stanislaw Moniuszko and Karol Szymanowski's works.

Receiving the Wagnerian declamation, Claude Debussy translates it into French style, turning to the association of colours and contours. He gives up the extended acts divided into musical numbers and opts for fluid episodes. The ingenious appearance of the chorus, in front or behind the scenes, bring forward the necessary contrast and sound effects.

In the Austrian cultural environment dramas are expressionist. In *Moses und Aaron*, Arnold Schönberg uses the *sprechgesang* also in the score of the collective character represented by the Jewish people.

III. THE BEGINNINGS OF THE ROMANIAN LYRICAL DRAMA

The contact between Terra Romana and the lyrical performance was done by means of foreign bands. The first indigenous lyrical and dramatic forms were crystallised by the end of the 18th century, through joint patriotic wishful thinking. The Pastoral *Mirtil and Hloe*, by Gessner and Florian was the first ever performance in Romanian, played by Asachi's band. Its footsteps were followed by other literary materials accompanied by musical creations, the collaboration between Vasile Alecsandri and Alexandru Flechtenmacher being one of the most famous in this respect.

A great number of foreign composers were connected to the Romanian musicals. The first vaudeville was composed by Ioan Andrei Wachmann, while Ludovic Anton Wiest set the stage for the first instrumental bands in Bucharest, preparing the upcoming orchestra conducted by Eduard Wachmann.

The vaudeville genre met the needs of the Romanian drama and became the first ever form of expressing our Romanian classical music. The sung parts in a prose comedy were called couplets, and the final parts were performed in choir.

In the second half of the 19th century, the point of interest moved from vaudevilles to operettas. This genre evolved simultaneously with the affirmation in Europe of the respective genre, through the contribution of 2 schools – French and Viennese. The birth certificate of the operetta in Romania was signed by Alexandru Flechtenmacher, with the operetta/sung wizardry *Baba Hârca* [*Dirty Hag*], in which the choral theme was connected to popular music.

On an ever sparkling national and patriotic background, Ciprian Porumbescu brought to fruition the operetta *Crai Nou* [*New Moon*], crafted after a popular legend. The use of the Viennese model didn't exclude the elements of folklore. The national character of such works was noted in Tudor Flondor's operas, him being the author of such operettas as *Rusaliile* [*The Pentecost*], or *Noaptea Sfântului Gheorghe* [*The Night of Saint George*].

Among the Romanian music's classics we note Eduard Caudella, who signs the first ever musical theatres. Along with the operetta *Olteanca*, the composer launched the popular ethos in the choral scenes, and the choral ensemble was used in different ways: women's choir, men's choir, mixed choir.

The first professional band called *The Romanian Lyrical Society* was launched by George Stephănescu. Being a canto professor and conductor, Stephănescu was also involved in the creative process, leaving as legacy the extravaganza called *Sânziana și Pepelea*. The classic scheme was kept by Constantin Dimitrescu in

his two works, the operettas *Sergentul Cartuş* [*Cartridge Sergeant*] and *Nini*. In the process of creating the National School, composers Mauriciu Cohen Linariu, Ionel Brătianu and Iacob Mureşianu joined.

The 20th century debuted with the opera called *Petru Rareş* and continued with diverse genres in the lyrical drama. Life in the countryside was described by Tiberiu Brediceanu, who glorified popular music. This path will later on be followed by Sabin Drăgoi and Marţian Negrea, and the utmost moment will be represented by the lyrical tragedy *Oedip*.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Nigerian leather industry is a major driver of sustainable employments and Nigeria output. The industry represents a major non-oil earning for Nigeria with a rippling value and supply chain that spreads across Nigeria. According to the Bank of Industry, Nigeria's leather industry has generated N24.5billion (\$700million) annually with limited support and has the capacity to create about 700,000 direct and indirect jobs (Fabamishe, 2017). The history of leather production in Nigeria can be dated back to pre-colonial and colonial era. Tanning which is a process of making leather from raw hide is a leading industry in kano, that was why the first tannery in Nigeria was established in Kano by John Holt in 1940's and then the great northern tannery came up in the 1950s (Danyaro, 2013).

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Livestock rearing is also dominant trade in northern Nigeria and this has consistently sustained the production of hide and skin processed into leather products.

The leather industry has been a central focus of the various Federal Government Economic interventions programmes. Modern technologies and innovations are fundamental to achieving sustainable growth across the value chain in the Nigerian leather industry. However, in an effort to bridge the technological gap and build expanding capacities in this industry the Nigerian government established the Nigeria Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST), Zaria. This institution is a Mono technic created to award Nigeria degree and diploma certificates. The Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (2013), asserts that the Nigeria Institute of Leather Science and Technology has been upgraded to carry out primary mandate of training in the areas of science, laboratory and polymer technology. The institution prides itself as a centre of academic excellence in entrepreneurship skills development, especially in the area of leather production. Some of the leather products produced in the institution includes range of quality footwear's, handbags, belts, and other utilitarian leather products. These products are basically produced during in classes or made on request in satisfying the needs of the immediate environment. Expectedly, the leather products are of good quality and have a high competitive market value.

The federal government policy on diversification is anchored on increased local production to stimulate the Nigerian informal sector. Small and medium scale enterprises are being strengthening to produce in order to achieve an all-inclusive economic growth. The informal sector is acknowledged as essential in developing economies, it facilitates employment generation and enables sustainable value chain of income generation. The leather industry is an integral component of the Nigeria informal sector. However, it is imperative for the leather industry in Nigeria to boost and improve on the quality of leather works, it is also necessary for the players in the industry to explore the electronic new media in promoting leather products to consumers within and outside Nigeria. Therefore, this paper is aimed at packaging and promoting leather

products on an electronic commerce using leather works produced in NILEST as a case study.

a) *E-commerce Platform*

Electronic Commerce involves the buying and selling of goods and service over the internet. The internet provides a dynamic medium of shopping for different products and services online. Turban, King, Mckay, Marshall, Lee, Viehl and, (2008), posited that e-commerce makes possible an enabling atmosphere for products transaction, services and information via the internet and other services that are available online. E-commerce has made shopping much easier, less time-consuming and flexible. Leather products and any other item of choice can purchase on e-commerce stores easily. The benefits of e-commerce include its around-the-clock availability, the speed of access, the wide availability of goods and services for the consumer, easy accessibility, and inter Nigeria reach (Rouse, 2016). Online shoppers enjoy diverse product choices such as leather products, individualized products, service information, shopping convenience, uptime shopping, time saving, competitive pricing and privacy (Katole, 2011; Kaufman-Scarborough and Lindquist, 2002; Margherio, 1998). John (2011), acknowledged that the history of e-commerce dates back to the invention of the very old notion of "sell and buy". John (2011) noted that e-commerce became possible in 1991 when the Internet was opened to commercial use, since then thousands of businesses have taken up residence at websites inclusive of online bespoke leather stores. E-commerce has revolutionized the way people live today, most internet users have purchased products online (Ecommerce web hosting guide, 2013). E-commerce represent a unique pragmatic approach of promoting the potentials of the Nigerian leather industry. E-commerce platforms provide viable opportunity of showcasing the ingenuity and quality of the leather products.

b) *Merchandizing*

Merchandizing is referred to as the variety of products available for sale and the display of those products in such a way that it stimulates interest and entices customers to make a purchase (state of digital n.d). It's also the promotion and marketing of products by employing creative strategies in showcasing products for optimal sale. The target of an online retail store is to recreate a near replica of the merchandizing techniques adopted by brick and mortal stores. Contemporary trends in merchandizing on e-commerce stores show a clear departure from the traditional presentation of products and their corresponding information. Many shoppers have a hard time finding just the right product. These shoppers, also referred to as "browsers," are just glancing at the products that pass in front of them, because they don't have specific

products in mind, they need help visualizing how the products before they can meet their needs (Allen, 2000).

Appealing display of products, colours, detailed information of products and intuitive navigation tools on the online retail store enables shoppers to accessorize and guide through the "searchdizing" (www.omniture.com). Often, online shoppers don't know where to start looking on their site for what they want or even how to ask for it! Fascinating product display let e-commerce stores take shoppers by the hand and guide them through the virtual aisles to dramatically increasing conversion rates.

For instance, a bakery store may highlight its attractive cakes and chocolate creations through dramatic display of its latest products. Allen (2000), also noted that product merchandising can be enhanced using the techniques such as:

1. Lifestyle images: Use photographs of people using the products.
2. Expanded product information: Give a detailed product description, describe how the product is used when appropriate and provide information from the product's package.
3. Multiple photographs: Show the product from several angles, as well as the product being used.
4. Product collections: Group several products into a collection that can be used together to create a complete solution to the customer's needs.

The following approaches are adopted by online stores in the merchandize of their products.

Merchandizing of leather products should involve showcasing of products from different sides. Appealing display of leather products can give shoppers a convincing impression about the quality and credibility of the promoted products. Appealing product imagery conveys product functionality and desirability to the buyer. Lifestyle imagery of displaying usage of leather products in a real-life situation or seller's version of real life are also necessary to complement the multiple photographs. Crisp and descriptive product imagery of showcased leather products are essential in consumer's decision-making process, influences conversion and retention rates when shopping for leather products online.

c) *Aim*

The aim of this study is to assess the viability of promoting made in Nigeria leather products on e-commerce platform using leather products produced in Nigeria Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST), Zaria as a case study.

The objectives of this study are to:

1. Identify selected leather works produced in NILEST.
2. Arrange the leather works for photography session.
3. Promote the photographed leather works on an ecommerce platform.

II. METHODOLOGY

The research design adopted for this study is product development and survey. Leather works such as footwears, bags and belts produced in NILEST were purposively selected based on the quality of their outlook.

a) Photography Session

Canon EOS 600 camera was used in shooting the images. The camera had an external speed light with the compliments of umbrella flood lights to enhance the quality of the product imagery. The camera was fixed on a tripod stand to ensure stability and avoid blurry pictures. This is necessary because the products were

shots from different angles to enable shoppers have a good view of listed products on the store. The leather works were placed on a white background to avoid unnecessary distractions or interference when being viewed. Merchandizing was achieved with specific images shot to showcase the corresponding context of usage. Images were transferred to the computer system for retouching and resizing and imported into Photoshop design software package. The Photoshop design software is a dynamic and well-utilized graphics application in the print and design industry. Images were enhanced and retouched using Photoshop features such as clone stamp tool, brightness, contrast effect and vibrance.



Plate I (a): Photo-shoot section



Plate II (b): Photo-shoot section



Plate 2a



Plate 2b



Plate 2c



Plate 2d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 2: Ankle Boots Photographed images of leather Products from different sides



Plate 3a



Plate 3b



Plate 3c



Plate 3d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 3: Side Gusset Shoes Photographed images of leather Products from different sides



Plate 4a



Plate 4b



Plate 4c



Plate 4d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 4: Gibson Shoes from different sides



Plate 5a



Plate 5b



Plate 5c



Plate 5d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 5: Belts Photographed from different sides



Plate 6a

Plate 6b

Plate 6c



Plate 6d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 6: Clutch Bag Photographed from different sides



Plate 7a



Plate 7b



Plate 7c



Plate 7d

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 7: Saliya Bag Photographed from different sides



Plate 8a



Plate 8b



Plate 8c

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 8: Swing Bag Photographed from different sides



Plate 9a



Plate 9b



Plate 9c

Source: Authors Field Work

Plate 9: Folder Bag Photographed from different sides

Plate 9: Photographed images of leather Products from different sides

b) *Uploading of Photographed Leather Products into an E-commerce Platform*

Photographed images of leather products are transferred from the camera to the computer. Thereafter, the images are retouched and resized to a maximum of 500kb kilobyte (kB) and 30 DPI (dot per inch) and saved in Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format. The images and detailed descriptions of each of the selected products were uploaded accordingly into the e-commerce site. Also, a visual banner was designed to promote the leather products on the site's homepage.

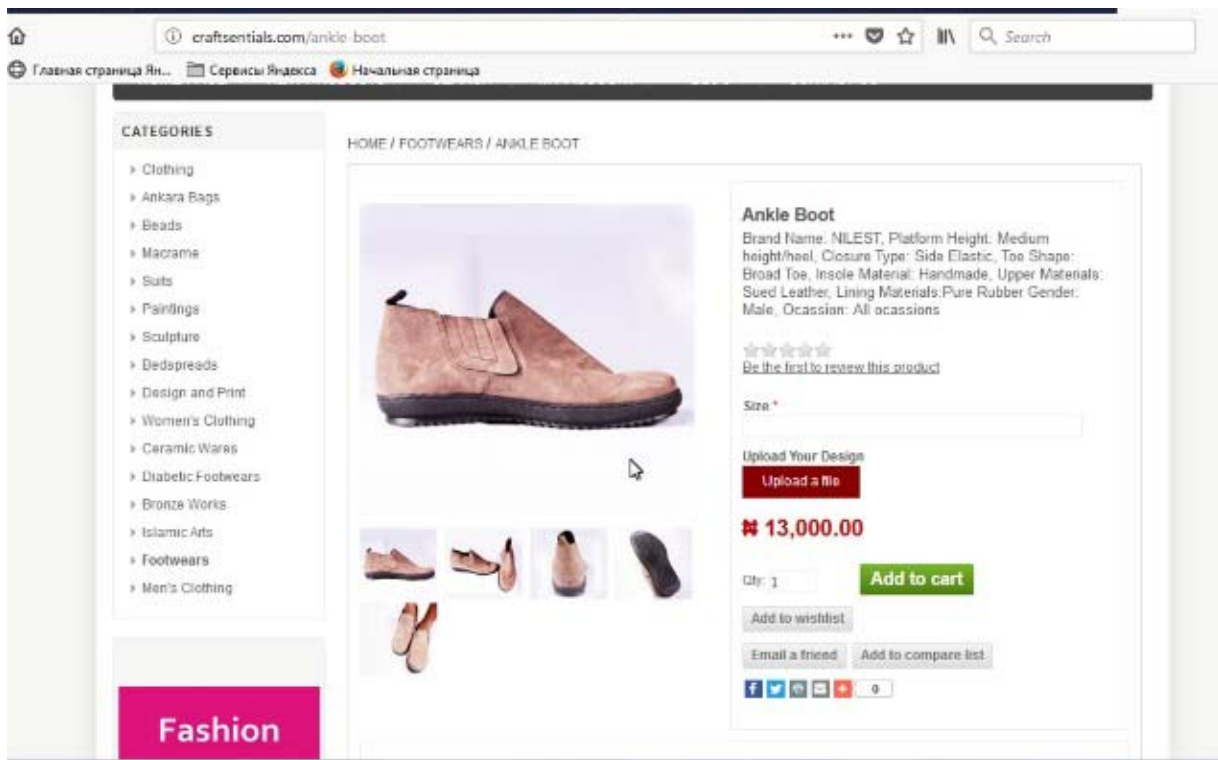
Opinions of e-commerce users whom are the target consumers of these leather works were sought through a close questionnaire. Respondents were selected purposively based on their prior exposure to buying of leather products on e-commerce stores. Population of respondents was one hundred and thirty (130) students of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. They were 70 males and 60 females. The visual designs were shown to the respondents and their opinions were sought thereafter.



Source: Authors fieldwork 2016

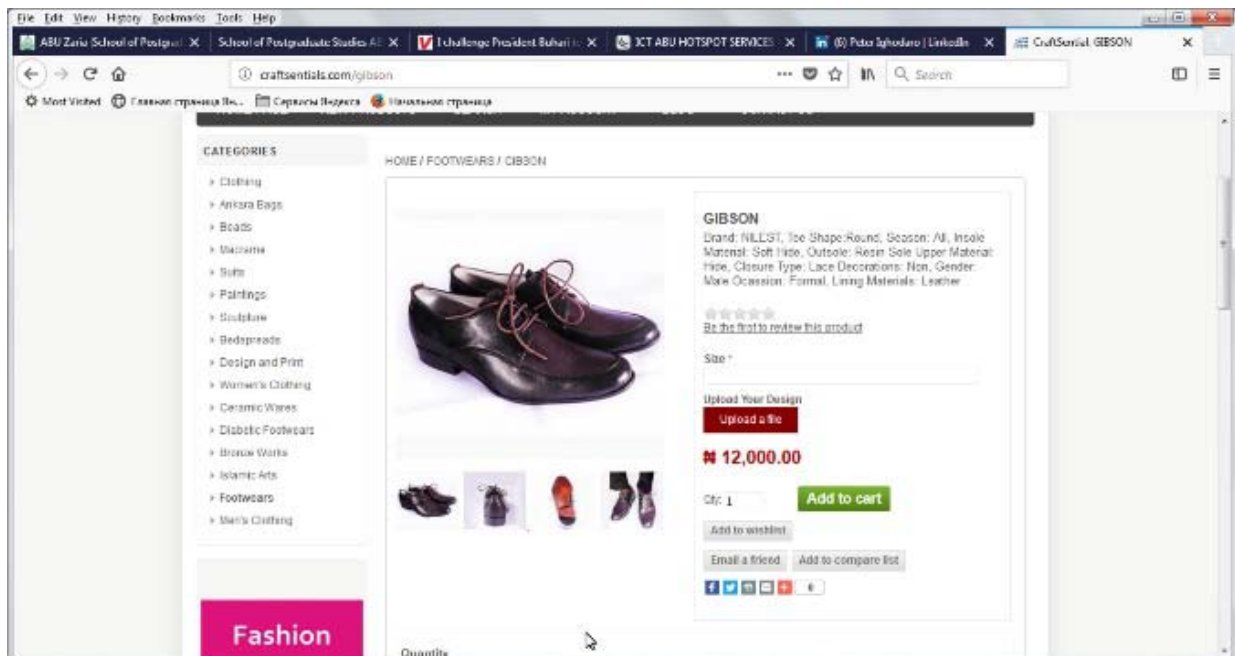
Plate 10: Animated Visual Banner





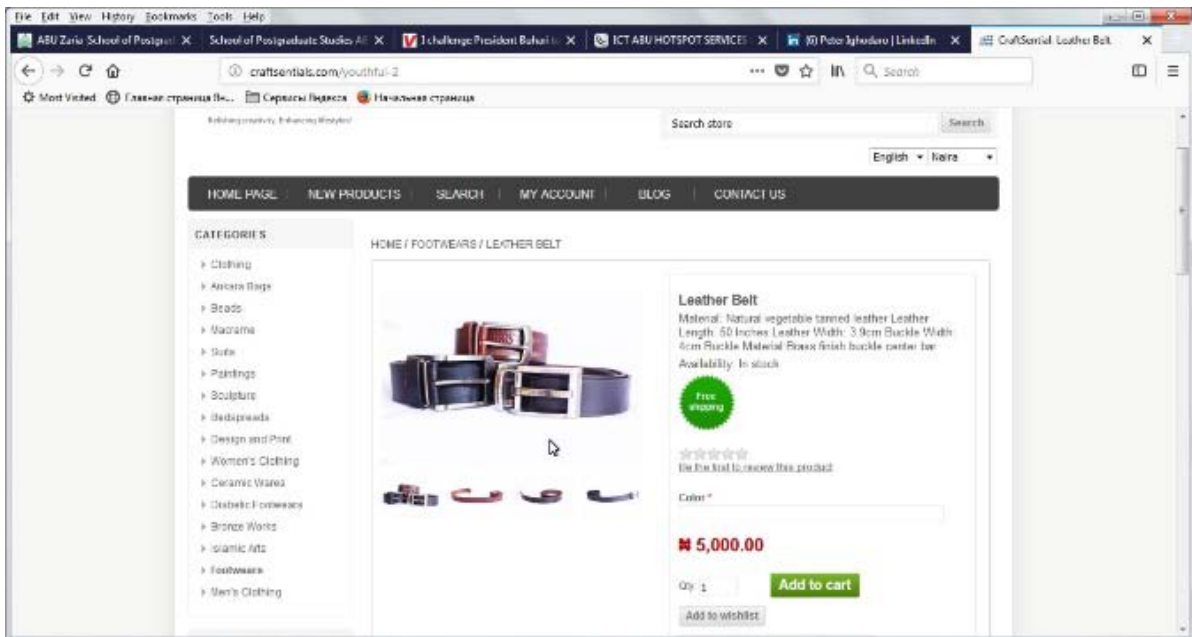
Store Source: Authors fieldwork 2016

Plate 11: Ankle Boot Footwear Display Page on the E-commerce



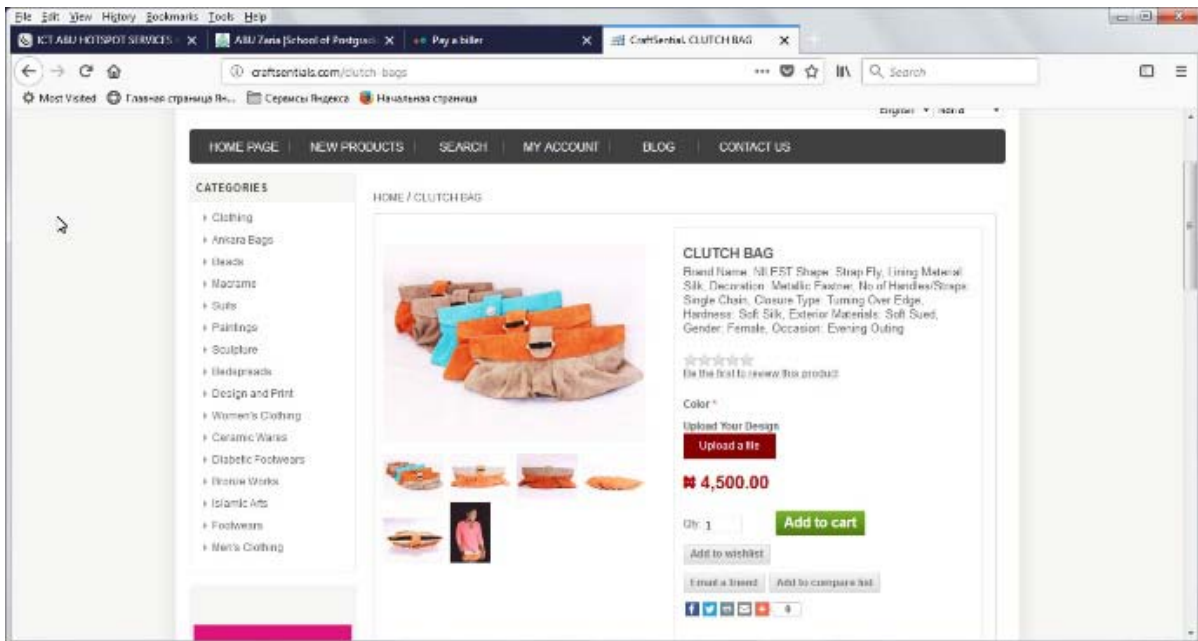
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Plate 12: Gibson Footwear Display Page on the E-commerce Store



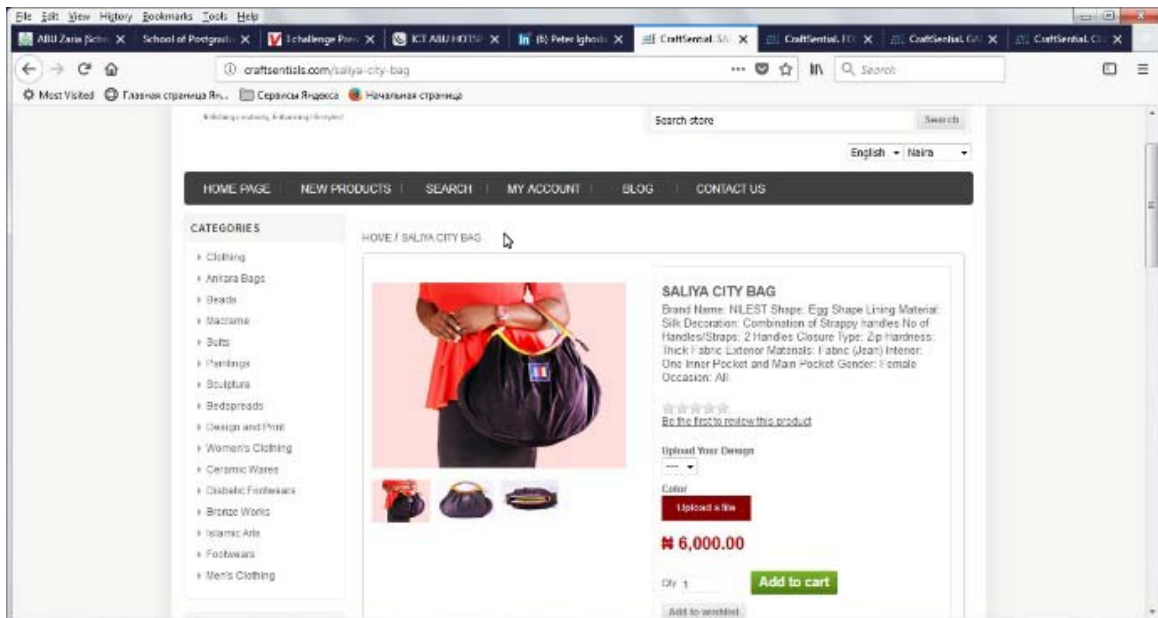
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Plate 13: Gibson Footwear Display Page on the E-commerce Store



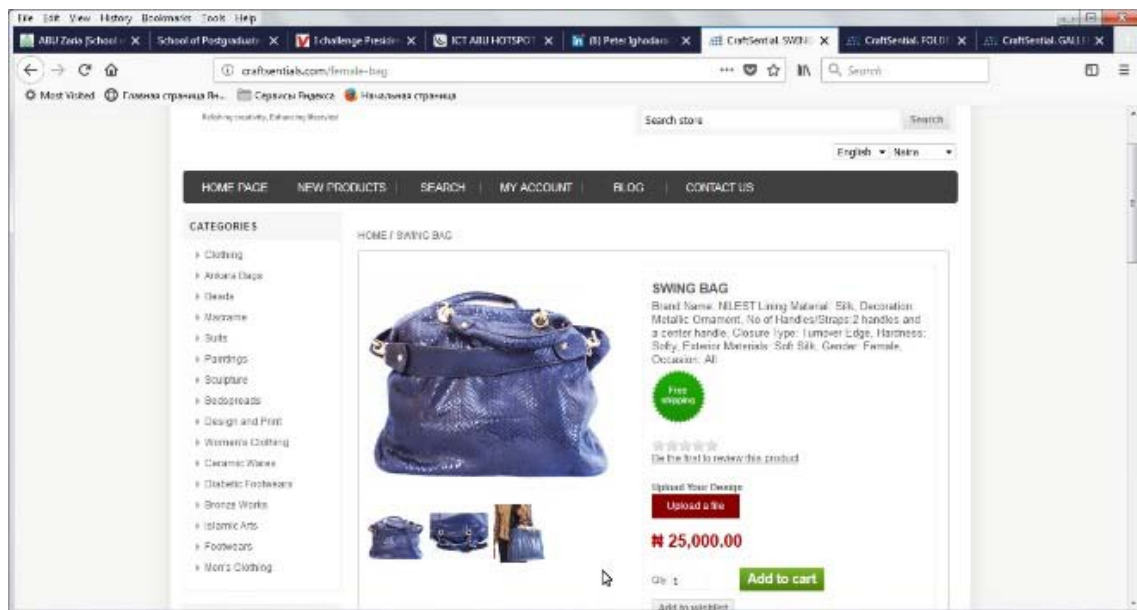
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Plate 14: Clutch Bag Display Page on the E-commerce Store



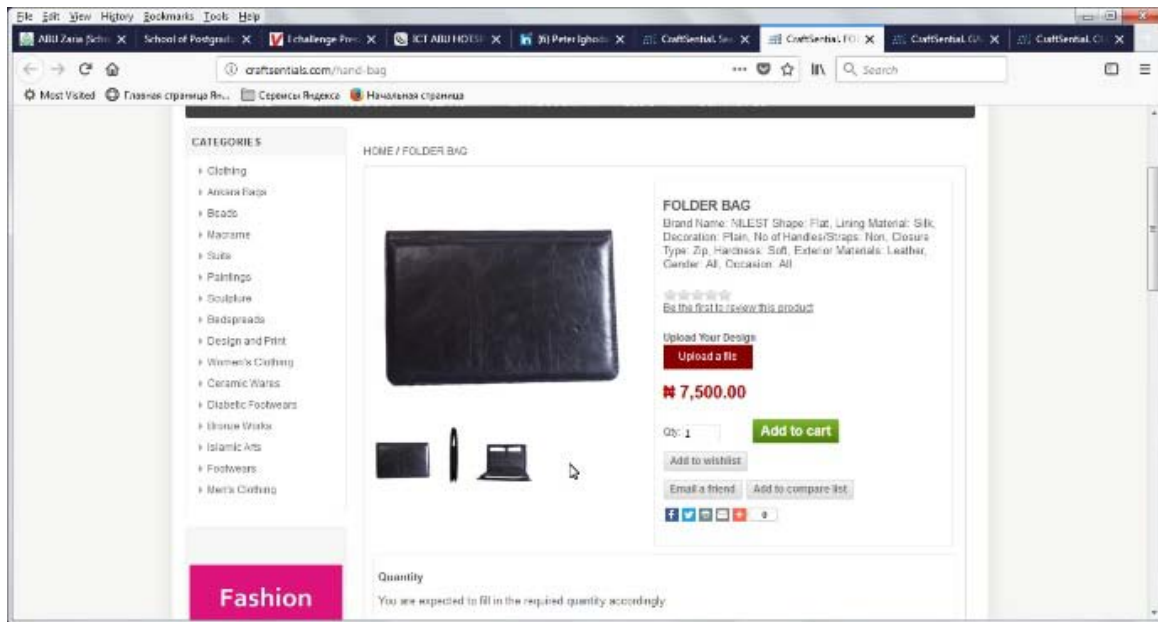
Source: Authors fieldwork 2016

Plate 15: Saliya City Bag Display Page on the E-commerce Store



Source: Authors fieldwork 2016

Plate 16: Swing Bag Display Page on the E-commerce Store



Source: Authors fieldwork 2016

Plate17: Folder Bag Display Page on the E-commerce Store

Table 1: Presentation of raw data and analysis

S/No.	Questions	Agreed		Disagree	
			%		%
1	The outlook of the promoted leather works showcase quality and style?	123	94.6	7	5.4
2	Clarity of visual imagery in showcased leather products enticed shoppers?	118	90.7	12	9.3
3	Display of images showing usage of the promoted leather works appeal to your sense of style?	121	93	9	7
4	Showcase of leather works from different sides gives you a convincing grasp of promoted products?	115	88.5	15	11.1
5	I can patronize leather products on an e-commerce store?	130	100	0	0

III. DISCUSSIONS

Question 1: The outlook of the promoted leather works showcase quality and style?

This question is aimed at knowing if the leather products are of good quality and fashionable in appearance. 123 (94.6%) respondents agreed while 7 (5.4%) disagreed. This result shows that the leather works produced in NILEST are top-notch and satisfies the fashion desires of consumers.

Question 2: Clarity of visual imagery in showcased leather products enticed shoppers?

The outcome of this question indicates that the imagery of displayed leather products is sharp and clear. 118 (90.7%) agreed while 12 (9.3%) disagreed. Appealing product images are essential on e-commerce platforms to convey crisp clear and expressive imagery of promoted products give shoppers a conviction regarding the quality and credibility of the displayed products.

Question 3: Showcase of leather works from different sides gives you a convincing view of promoted product?

115 respondents (93%) agreed that the display of images showing leather products being used in their intended context appeal to shoppers sense of style, 9 (7%) disagreed. Product merchandizing brings the shopper into the e-commerce. Often times, the context of usage reflect the shopper's personality.

Question 4: Showcase of leather works from different sides gives you a convincing grasp of promoted products?

115 respondents (88.5%) agreed that the showcase of leather works from different sides gives shoppers a convincing grasp of the promoted the product, 15 (7%) disagreed. This outcome indicated that when a displayed product is viewed from different sides on an e-commerce store, it enables the intended buyers have a realistic comprehension of the products. Apparently, the shopper does not have the opportunity

of checking the product physically so this display is a virtual recreation of the conventional retail environment.

Question 5: Can you patronize leather products on an e-commerce store?

This question is focused on understanding shopper's perception regarding patronizing leather products on an e-commerce store. All the respondents 130 (100%) have the penchant to patronize leather products on an e-commerce environment. Therefore, e-commerce stores are viable platforms of promoting Nigeria leather products.

IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This study showcases the viability of e-commerce is a new retail reality outlet enabling people to buy and sell online at their convenience. It is noteworthy that e-commerce has provided a new frontier of expanding the market coverage of Nigerian-made products. The Nigeria's leather industry is reputed to be a repository of skilful and creative individuals in its production workflow churning out product of superior quality. Imperatively, the industry can leverage on the robust capabilities of the internet in showcasing the potentials of this sector. Packaging and promotion of Nigerian leather products on an e-commerce store will enhance patronage and increase production output thereby strengthening the industry to contribute its role in stimulating the Nigeria non-oil sector. In this regard, the following recommendations highlighted were deduced from the outcome of this research:

1. It is important for the leather industry to explore the limitless capabilities offered by e-commerce to leverage an impressive market acceptance transcending geographical barriers.
2. Also, makers of leather products must embrace best practices in their value-chain of production to churn out appealing leather works that attracts patronage online.
3. Finally, stimulate shopper's interest, images of retailed leather products promoted on e-commerce stores should reflect product merchandizing, accuracy, clarity and attractiveness that enriches shopping experience.

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I. INTRODUCTION

"...But when the son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

There is no gainsaying the fact that the old forms of religion, characterized by the absolute fear of God, are now effete. Believers are no longer desirous to adhere strictly to the original tenets of Christianity. Christians can now do what ordinarily should not be done. They can today do things that are considered to be amoral and, therefore, not religious. It is not uncommon in the contemporary days to see Christians getting involved shamelessly in very satanic dispositions. Some Christians now steal, lie, cheat, get involved in affray, keep malice, back-bite, oppress, suppress, prevaricate, etc. knowing fully well that the judgment of God is not instantaneous. It is true that God

will eventually adjudicate, however, it is not momentary. Thus, every Tom, Dick and Harry can continue, probably ad infinitum, with his or her way of life, not minding whether such dispositions are in tandem with the dictate of the Lord. In the contemporary days, Christianity is practiced at the lowest ebb. As a Christian, you can do virtually everything hitherto enunciated above. This is because you know that you can subsequently go and recite the Lord's prayer – "Forgive us our trespasses just as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matt. 6:12). This is further exacerbated by the ministers of God who have the strong conviction that, since they are called, they can use their calling to accomplish their own inordinate goal(s), and they believe that they are very much infallible and can, therefore, not be checked or called to order. As the intermediary between God and man, the clergy is accorded tremendous respect, and also seen as the one who cannot err. But this is incorrect. They are first and foremost human beings and can be influenced, just as the Jewish background had its influence on Christianity, even up till now.

It should be stated that there is nothing wrong with the tenets of Christianity up till today, but some of the practioners of Christianity had deviated from the good practice of Christianity in the yester-years¹. This paper gives the exegesis of the text, goes on to examine some prevalent ungodly conducts in the contemporary church, and ends with the conclusion.

II. EXEGESIS OF THE TEXT

τλην ὁ υἱος του ανθρωπου ελθων αρα ευρησει την πιστιν επι την γης

Translation

"...But when the son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Greek word τλην is translated *but*. According to Hornby, *but* is used to introduce a word or phrase that contrasts with what was said before... It can be used in the place of *however*. It is also used to introduce a statement that shows that you are surprised or annoyed, or that you disagree².

The Greek ὁ is translated *the*, which is a definite article. Again, according to Hornby, it is used to refer to somebody or something that has already been mentioned or is easily understood; used to refer to

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somebody or something that is the only, normal or obvious one of their kind, used when explaining which person or thing you mean³.

Moreover, the Greek Phrase *υιοστου ανθρωπου* means *son of man*. Jesus often referred to himself by this expression (Mk. 2:10; 27-28; Mt. 12:31-32; 13:41; 25:31-32). Though it may sometimes mean just 'I' more often veiled reference as the Messiah, and influenced by Dan. 7:13-14, where "one like the son of man" is vindicated by God⁴. According to Dunnett, the title appears over 80 times in the New Testament, all but one in the Gospels (see Acts 7:56) the only place where it is not used by our Lord Himself. Some writers see three meanings of the phrase: (1) as descriptive of the coming one (eschatological, Mt. 24:27); (2) referring to Jesus's suffering and death (Mk. 8:31); and (3) as descriptive of His early ministry of teaching and healing (Mk. 2:10, 28)⁵.

Dunnett goes on to assert quite pungently that: A recent study contends that Jesus used the title as a euphemism for the "Son of God", for in Palestine the latter would sound blasphemous to a semitic audience. Why did he use the title so enigmatic as this? Probably for at least two reasons (1) it was general enough to include all the aspects of His person and work, whether present or eschatological and (2) it caught His heavens by surprise, jolted them into attention and forced them to ask, who is this son of man (Jn. 12:34)⁶. Dunnett is not done. He finally opines that: majority of writers today accept it as a genuine, in fact, the most outstanding self-designation of our Lord. "*Son of man*" is just about the most pretentious piece of self description that any man in the ancient East could possibly have used⁷.

Furthermore, the Greek word *ελθων* has its English rendering as *come*. Hornby defines *come* as: to move to or towards a person or place; to arrive at or reach a place; to arrive somewhere in order to do something or get something⁸. The last definition will be the most ideal for our purpose. This is because of the eschatological expectation. It is strongly believed that Christ will be coming again (*parousia*) to take those that are his home, while those who are not rapturable will end up in utter perdition.

Then, the Greek word *ευρησει* has *find* as its meaning in English. Hornby defines *find* as: to discover somebody or something unexpectedly or by chance ... to get back something or somebody that was lost after searching for it...⁹. In this context, Christ's position was, would he *discover* or *get* faith when he comes back again?

Similarly, the Greek word *πιστιν* is translated as *faith* in English. Culbertson sees *faith* as the basis of things hoped for, the demonstration of objects not seen... It furnishes us with a foundation on which our hopes can securely rest, and with a conviction that those things exist which are not earthly or temporal, and which, therefore, we cannot see¹⁰. Faith ... is a central

element in prayer. Faith moves us to persevere, not desperately but with confidence. For faith lets us look beyond our circumstances and fixes our eyes on the father who cares¹¹. According to Buttrick and Kepler *et al*, faith is man's Yes to the word of God. And when the word comes to a focus in Christ, faith also may be said to centre on this focus... faith is belief in something or trust in some person. In theology, it properly describes man's apprehension of the absolute or transcendent¹². It is response to revelation as contracted with discovery of new knowledge. KNOWLEDGE is corrective with facts or information or truth and belongs to the sphere of epistemology. Faith is the more distinctively religious term ... faith may be described as a kind of knowledge and certainly reason involved in the act of faith¹³. According to Leslie Church:

...Faith is the great thing that Jesus Christ looks for. He does not ask, is there innocency? But, is there faith? ...It supposes that if there were faith, though ever so little, he would find it out ... It is foretold that when Christ comes he will find but *little faith* ... In general, he will find but *few good people*. Many that have the form and fashion of godliness, but few that have faith, that are sincere and honest ... In particular, he will find few that have *faith* concerning his coming. It intimates that Christ may, and will, delay his coming so long as that, *first*, wicked people will begin to *defy it* and his delay will harden them in their wickedness. *Secondly*, even his own people will begin to despair of it. But this is our comfort that when the time appointed comes, it will appear that the unbelief of man has not made the promise of God of no effect¹⁴.

It should be noted with utmost significance that the most important of the Hebrew terms for faith ... signifies "firmness", "stability". The verb is used in the *Hiph'il* in the sense "believe", "trust"¹⁵. Essentially, according to Buttrick and Kepler *et al*, faith means freedom (Gal. 4:1-5; 13) ... freedom from wickedness ("former lusts"; Rom. 6:12-19; Eph. 2:1-5; Col. 3:5-10; I Thess. 4:3-9) and from other authorities which mankind acknowledges...¹⁶. Obviously, God will be faithful, but can the same be said about man? By the time of the *Parousia* ... will all men have despaired so that no one still believes in the eventual triumph of the sovereign rule of a just God?¹⁷ Undoubtedly, true believers who persistently wait with patient trust will seem few¹⁸, at the eventual *Parousia*. Certainly, submits the Unger's Bible Handbook, in the dark apostate days of the Tribulation, faith will be found only in the faithful remnant of God's people¹⁹.

It is pertinent to state quite clearly that the Greek word *γης* simply means *earth*. According to *The World Book Encyclopedia*, *earth* is small planet in the vastness of space. It is one of several planets that travel through space around the sun... The planet earth is only a tiny part of the universe, but it is the home of human beings and in fact, all known life in the universe. Animals, plants and other organisms live almost everywhere on Earth's surface²⁰. Wenzel states that:

The main Hebrew words translated earth are (a) *adama* which signifies the reddish soil or ground (cf. Heb. *adam*, "red") from which man's body was made, and so he was named *adam*, "man" or Adam (Gen. 2:7; 3:19) and (b) *eres* which is not only translated "earth" but land, thus denoting a country (Gen. 21:21). Since this word may mean either the whole earth or just part of it, some passages may read "earth" in one translation and "land" in another (cf. Isa. 10:23).

In the New Testament, the usual Greek word is *ge* translated either "earth" with its various meanings or "land" especially the land of Judea (Mt. 27:45). Another word *oikoumene*, denotes especially the whole inhabited earth (Lk. 21:26)²¹.

In the final analysis, according to Pfeiffer and Harrison, the rhetorical question (*will the son of man meet faith or earth?*) implies that faith will be scarce. Our Lord's words do not predict a general improvement in the spiritual condition of the world before his coming²², hence the somewhat obscene dispositions in the church in the contemporary days.

III. SOME PERCEIVED UNSCRIPTURAL CONDUCTS IN THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

The Christian church, according to Fatokun, can be rightly described as an offshoot of Judaism. This is because, neither Jesus nor His peripatetic bunch of evangelical disciples were really Christians in the general usage of the word during their three and half years evangelical campaign in Palestine. To a good observer then they constituted nothing other than a reforming party within Judaism (as shown by most of their activities)²³. Fatokun goes on to state that: But Jesus had at one point in time adumbrately gave the note: "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Following the Greek text, Jesus did not speak of building a *Kuriakon*-that is, "a house of worship", but an *Ekklesia* – that is "a called out people of God" from the thralldom of sin unto holy living, or in a nutshell "a redeemed community"²⁴, brought out of the dungeon of sin unto repentance.

Over the years, Christianity appears to have faced some challenges in the way and manner the religion is being practiced. It is probable that those things that were regarded as gain but were conversely counted as loss hitherto for the sake of Christ, (Phil. 3:7), have been brought to the front burner of human existence, and in corollary, the practice of Christianity. According to Odumuyiwa, in the 19th and up to the later part of the 20th centuries, Christianity was a religion to reckon with in Nigeria, not that there were no shortcomings here and there; but the position of Christianity since the later part of the 20th century gives cause for concern²⁵. Ostensibly, there is the general abuse of Christianity in all ramifications.

The moral decadence and corruption in the society today is a reflection of the condition of the

church. Government officials, politicians and businessmen are mired in corrupt practices²⁶. There is the prevalence of insincerity and dishonesty even among Christians. Thus, there is little that can possibly be accomplished in some offices without greasing palms. Virtually everybody is corrupt. Sad enough, some of those that are involved in these corrupt practices are those that profess the Christian faith. This is even when they have taken the oath of office with the Bible in their hands, only to perjure since perjury here has no instantaneous repercussion. That is why Ehioghare enthuse that ... religious leaders and followership in Nigeria cannot exonerate themselves from the sorry state of things in the society²⁷. Again, according to Odumuyiwa, ... one can hardly differentiate the attitudes of some Christian politicians from those of other faiths; corruption, acts of inhumanity to man, lack of the fear of God, greed, dishonesty and all sorts of ungodly and unchristian attitudes are now common among Christian ... politicians ... bad governance is the order of the day²⁸; whereas, Asaju states that, Christians in politics are simply acting in service and in the interest of their heavenly father's world²⁹. Buttressing the position of Odumuyiwa as enunciated above, Folaranmi opines thus: mention anything negative: corruption, violation of human rights, fallen standard of education, electoral malpractices, epileptic power outage, incessant strikes, lack of security of lives and properties, unemployment, fraud, greed and the rest, Nigeria is in the fore-front³⁰ in spite of the magnitude of our religiosity. According to Odumuyiwa, Christians are many in the country so also the social vices and crimes committed are in the increase. Some Christians who constitute the membership of the church do not live above board. Thus, we have a "religious but criminal society"³¹. Also, supporting the position of Odumuyiwa as enunciated above, Adeosun dissects the scenario thus: Although most Nigerians blame successive leaders of this country for the nation's inability to assume its developmental potential, very few have admitted also that the failure of all aspects of the national life is traceable to the colossal erosion of the people's core ethical or moral values³².

The intellectual avant-garde³³ are beginning to query the very essence of the religion of some people. The argument is that the disposition of some Christians is absolutely not in tandem with what they profess. For instance, some contend that, it is disheartening for the serving president, who is a Christian anyway, to be campaigning all over the country even when over two hundred Chibok girls are still languishing in the very bondage of the insurgents called *Boko Haram*, that appears invincible. This is even as Christ says that if you have one hundred sheep and one is missing, will you not leave the ninety-nine in search of the missing one? (Matt. 18:12). Also, the Christian president is not bothered about the manner in which Nigerians are being massacred in the North Eastern part of Nigeria. His

utmost interest is to win election and perpetuate himself in office, even in the face of trite insecurity and hunger. In parenthesis, Nigerians are no longer safe. This is because they can be killed, maimed or kidnapped at any time. The issue of insecurity is further compounded by the acute down-turn of the economy which arguably is a global phenomenon. Sad enough, salaries of workers are not paid as at when due, just as pensioners are dying in their scores of untimely and inglorious death because their pensions are not paid, which has made it difficult, if not impossible for them to settle hospital bills. And their children who are supposed to come to the aid of the aged parents are either unemployed or under-employed.

Furthermore, there are some Christians who albeit claim to have faith in God but do not rest or rely absolutely on Him. That is why some Christians still go about consulting herbalists to find solution(s) to their seemingly intractable predicaments. Prophet Jeremiah dissects the above scenario thus: Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the Lord" (Jer. 17:5). Jeremiah goes on to state that: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord" (Jer. 17:7). Of course, proverbs state that: The fear of man lays a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord is safe (Prov. 29:25). Faith entails praying fervently to the Lord and thereafter relinquish everything to Him for whatever action and inaction. No short cut or a form of trying to "help" God to accomplish a given goal. Hebrew states that: And without faith, it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his house-hold ... (Heb. 11:6-7)

Moreover, that common saying among the Yoruba, *Ti o ba ni baba nigbejo, ti o ba rojo are, wa jebi* meaning if you have no god-father to support you, if you narrate a case in which you are suppose to be absolved of guilt, you will be adjudged guilty, is quite prevalent in the church in the contemporary days. In todays Christianity, there is no more objectivity, but trite subjectivity. Truth is no longer sacrosanct, rather absolute falsehood, utter prevarication is the order of the day. We can no longer call a spade a spade. Christians can not see white and call it white. In its stead, they will look for another colour with which they will refer to what is obviously white in order to conceal the truth. According to Alaba Olusola, ours is a nation where lies, lawlessness, greed, corruption and apathy have become acceptable style of life and instrument of governance; speaking the truth has become strange³⁴.

Malice probably constitute part of African cultural milieu. This is quite pronounced in this part of the country. If and when "A" offends "B", the resultant effect is malice even in the church. There are several

cases of such in diverse churches across the country, especially where we are situated. This is happening even as the Bible states quite unequivocally thus: Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil (Eph. 4:26).

Besides, it has been observed and very painfully, too, that Christians now skive, leading to dereliction and or negligence in spite of the biblical injunction that states: "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ (Col. 3:23-24). Today, it is not uncommon to see some supposed Christians skiving in their various places of work, in spite of the fact that they have not gone furlough. And even when they manage to come, their stock in trade is sniping and or denigrating those at the helm of affairs. But they have never bothered to assess themselves. Denominationalism is a dangerous and worrisome dimension to this malady. If and when a given denomination has an establishment, and a member of that denomination is employed there, he/she believes strongly that anything can be done by him/her. But this is obviously amiss. If anything, should one find himself/herself in an establishment owned by his/her denomination, he/she is supposed to work very assiduously to justify the confidence reposed in him/her. But alas!

Having succinctly examined some of the unscriptural conducts of Christians, it is apposite to look, in brevity, at the disposition of those charged with the onerous responsibility of anchoring the faith. Indeed, the church through the connivance of its leaders seems to have shirked her obligation of being the watchdog for the nation. Instead, she has joined in the multiplication of vices such as corruption, bribery and insincerity which thrive greatly in Nigeria³⁵. According to Gbadero and Adeleye, many people who are perpetuating evil in Nigeria are members of one church or the other. They may be well known to the leaders of the churches. Their tithes and their huge contributions to the church development may apparently not give the church leaders the opportunity to challenge them³⁶... The duo of Gbadero and Adeleye go on to state quite pungently that: Pastors don't often care where their people get the money. Just bring it and let life continue. How many pastors ask for the source of the money their followers give? Most of these treasury looters and robbers sit in front rows of our churches and donate the largest amounts and pastors don't care ... The church has become a theatre, a place where people come to amuse themselves³⁶. Instead of holding tenaciously to the teachings of Christ by teaching the truth about salvation of souls, some religious leaders have soiled their conscience for material gain³⁸. Olubunmi Okogie has no room for priests that are after money. He admonished thus: "You are not there to acquire wealth, buy properties, build houses and amass wealth. If you

do, you are an armed robber number one, and you will go to hell for stealing the money of God's people"³⁹. Abogunrin is in agreement with Okogie as he postulates that:

A true disciple of Jesus is one who has a true sense of value and recognizes that real life is not measured in terms of material possessions. The man who is not rich in regard to God is indeed poor, no matter how big his bank-balance. He is, therefore, in the last analysis a big fool, a godless, greedy and selfish individual and therefore a senseless man. He heaps up treasures for himself, and though he prepares for his own comfort and enjoyment, he has not prepared for his ultimate destiny⁴⁰.

Covertousness, which is quite ungodly is common in the church, particularly among some ministers of God. Again, according to Abogunrin, covertousness is folly, in other words, utter obduracy because no true joy, happiness, rest of mind and peace, nor true life are found in the abundance of earthly possession. Man cannot live by bread alone⁴¹. Abogunrin goes on to state quite unequivocally that "to make earthly possessions and worldly pleasures the main purpose of life is not only a fatal act of folly but deadly sin"⁴². According to Yahaya:

There are a lot of people who are into ministries today because of their stomachs. People are into the ministry without a call. "God has never told you to go to the village and preach". Everybody wants to be in the city, nobody wants to be in the village. What some of them are presently doing contradicts the ways of Jesus Christ. There are churches you go to today that I believe are commercial ventures because they adopt all sorts of methods to collect money from you. ...Those places, shop corners and business centres that go by the name churches, we have to tell them the truth and shut them down. Rather than praying for the people, some pastors always go as far as demanding monies from people before they can pray, forgetting that Jesus Christ admonished that freely have you received and freely shall you give (Matt. 10:8)⁴³.

Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye toed the path of righteousness when he said that: "I read in the newspaper this morning that one of the serving governors in Nigeria said that some pastors in Nigeria collected #6billion from politicians for the purpose of influencing their members to vote a certain candidate in the coming elections. May I humbly request that if there be any pastor or pastors who collected such money, they should please return such as quickly as possible before the fire of the Almighty consumes you"⁴⁴. Paul in his letter to Timothy states: But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness,

gentleness... (I Tim. 6:9-11). According to Olurode, money is said to be the root of all evils. The concept of the money culture refers to the use of money in the public sphere in order to get things done or get people to behave in a particular way even though this may be contrary to expected behavioural standards. It refers to the frequent use of money⁴⁵ in all situations.

It should be noted with utmost significance that since some of the priests have 'cornered' some money, they are just like infidels in their conducts or at best mere proselytes. Instead of them to live an ascetic, self-abnegating and spartan life, as found hitherto, and which is a *sine qua non* of the calling, they have exposed themselves to enormous glamour, grandeur and opulence. In fact, ostentation is the order of the day, sometimes at the detriment of the toiling laity, some of whom are probably hirelings; only to console them with the biblical passage which states sympathetically, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God" (Lk. 6:20). This of course is an aberration. Christianity should be *factis non verbis* i.e., by deeds and not by words. That is why Jeremy Taylor spoke of "divine living rather than divine knowledge"⁴⁶, while Mahatma Gandhi says "you should live as if you were to die tomorrow"⁴⁷ which evidently portrays righteousness. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Ps. 128:1).

Yet another dimension to the unchristian debacle among some ministers is ritual in the church. some ministers do embark on rituals in order to have large congregation. According to Erelu Agbaye, many ministers and prophets of God ... had at one time or the other come to her in a forest during her sojourn in the occultic world for power, fame and other assistance in order to be successful in life⁴⁸. A report which confirmed a gory sight of ritual in the church states thus: "We were shocked when my uncle noticed flies flying around a particular place where one of the pillars of the church building was to be erected. We began to dig up, we saw my brother's body buried upright. We brought out the corpse and the police later took it to the mortuary"⁴⁹. And in the same vein, again according to a report:

A senior evangelist with a popular white garment church and leader of one of the parishes settled for the unexpected last Monday, when he allegedly organized the 'slaughtering' of his mother, like a goat, drained her blood and save it in a bucket ... The blood was later shared into six bottles and taken away by persons believed to have been hired by him... The pastor... is yet to lead the police to where the bottles are. The deceased Adebisi, (60), was said to have been deceived by her evangelist son that she was going for a prayer retreat, when five strangemen allegedly hired by her son, pounced on her. The cleric was said to have supervised his mother's killing and personally drained her blood in a bucket which was said to have been placed under the deceased's neck⁵⁰.

Furthermore, priests are supposed to preach very passionately against adultery and or fornication, and abstain absolutely from lewdness and lechery. Nevertheless, some of them are found of caressing their members and even having fun with some of the gullible ones, sometimes under the guise of spirituality, but occasionally for charm. According to a report:

Thirty four-year-old pastor Adekunle Kayode has been arrested by the Ogun State police command for allegedly fingering a member of his church... to confirm her virginity. The incident was said to have occurred on Sunday within the premises of the Jesus is The Way Evangelical Ministry, Olorunsogo, Abeokuta... Oluwasegun who is Kayode's accomplice allegedly used a charm on the victim with the intention of raping her possibly for ritual purposes. The charm which has been recovered from Kayode, was said to have been hidden in the church premises⁵¹.

Ditto is the story of yet another concupiscence pastor. Again, according to a report:

Pastor Princewill Basil who is standing trial before an FCT High Court over allege rape of two girls was on Tuesday confronted by another victim who claimed he raped her countless times... Basil, the General Overseer, Mountain Movers Fire Ministry Church, Nyanya, was arraigned in 2012 for allegedly having unlawful carnal knowledge and impregnating two student-members of his church, aged 14 and 15... The pastor raped her "to cleanse her of dirt". I cannot remember the number of times he raped me. *Papa* told me it was continuous deliverance, and he had to sleep with me to clean all the dirt inside me and also cleanse my future...⁵²

Adultery and fornication – inclined tendencies are not limited to the shores of Nigeria. They are found elsewhere – in Africa. According to a report:

At the Lord's Propeller Redemption Church, Dandora Phase II, Nairobi, Kenya, the "man of God" has instructed women not to come to church in their under pants and bras anymore! And they dutifully complied. Simply identified as Reverend Njohi, the church leader was said to have told female members of his congregation that the "Holy Spirit" is not only interested in their Sunday best attires but also what goes on under their skirts. He told them not to come to church with their bras and pants again because "those things hinder the move of the Holy Spirit". He claims that when people go to church, they need "to be free in body and spirit to receive Christ". And for women who may choose to ignore the instructions of the "man of God", he warns of dire consequences. He advised mothers to make sure that they not only come without their underwear, but to also ensure that they closely monitor their daughters and ensure compliance. Perhaps, what is more surprising is that this concept of "the less worn, the more the impact of the Holy Spirit", which is yet to be linked to any verse in the scriptures, applies to just the women in his congregation. The men are free to come to church fully kitted. It would seem like the "Holy Spirit" is not particularly interested in what happens to the men in the Lord's Propeller Redemption Church⁵³.

Indeed, according to Odumuyiwa, it seems Christianity is being tainted by the attitudes of some church leaders ... which are now influencing adversely the integrity of Christianity and some Christians. The shortcomings of the (leaders) of Christianity today now calls for concern⁵⁴. Undoubtedly, some ministers of God have taken their calling as an alibi to perpetuate very heinous crimes. Some believe, perhaps erroneously, that since they have the "calling", they are infallible, irrespective of the magnitude of misdemeanor. Of a truth, some of their conducts violate decorum and, therefore, reprehensible, as very unscriptural conducts have grown phenomenally amidst them in spite of Peter's injunction that states inter alia: Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as cover-up for evil; live as servants of God (I Pet. 2:16). It should be stated at this juncture that those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God (Rom. 8:8), therefore, there is need to be holy just as the father is holy (I Pet. 1:16).

Again, there is religious bigotry and or jingoism. According to Olurode,.. In Nigeria, religious externalities play virtually no role and we have no means of measuring the degree of religious internalization. There is greed and poverty of commitment to principles (ethical poverty) and desperation to copy others (peer group)⁵⁵. But the truth is that everybody knows what is not anti-thetical, going by the intuitive conscience. According to Bolaji Idowu, "Every human being who is not clearly an imbecile has a knowledge of right and wrong ... everyone knows that right is not the same thing as wrong ... Even though moral philosophers cannot agree upon the explanation of what the difference is, they all perceive that there is a difference between right and wrong"⁵⁶. It is sad to note according to Gbadero and Adeleye that "Church is springing up everywhere and everyone is claiming to be born-again even when committing the most heinous crime. The corrupt leaders are hiding behind the pulpit⁵⁷... Buttressing this, Odumuyiwa opines thus: in spite of all the proliferation of churches, crimes still persist in our society⁵⁸, even as all wrongdoing is sin (I John 5:17). The church is growing with very few members who are responsible⁵⁹. That is why Odumuyiwa states that "there are some criminally-oriented and religious individuals⁶⁰. Odumuyiwa goes on to state that a religion that is worth its salt cannot relegate morality to the background⁶¹. Again, according to Odumuyiwa, Christians are warned not to commit social decadence. For example, Christianity abhors lack of respect for elders, killing, adultery, stealing, bearing false witness, which summarized what should be the way of life of christians⁶². However, all these are found freely exhibited by supposed Christians. There is, therefore, the need to ... arrest the decline in spirituality in social value⁶³... if Christians are to be so called and regarded.

IV. CONCLUSION

It has been observed in the course of this work that unrighteousness has become so prevalent in Christianity. Oddities have become the vogue in the Christendom in spite of the multiplication of churches. According to Akaeze, just as the number of Nigerian churches ... increase astronomically, so is the number of pastors ...linked to crime appear to be on the rise⁶⁴. Buttressing the position of Akaeze, Odumuyiwa dissects the scenario thus: ...it is unfortunate to say that as proliferated as the church is in Nigeria so is the country engulfed in social and moral decadence and crime perpetuated by some followers of Christianity. Nigeria is as religiously inclined as it is criminal⁶⁵. There are numerous diabolical and nauseating conducts. Success in the ministry is now measured by the type of car(s) you ride, the mansion you live in, the amount of money in the bank account, etc. It is no longer the number of souls you are able to win for Christ. The gospel of prosperity has taken over. Salvation and the issue of eschatology is now relegated to the background, which is a negation and glaringly a gross abuse of the sacerdotal duty. Break-through in all ramifications has become the vogue. The end now justifies the means. Every Christian wants to make it either by hook or crook, and thus swayed by pecuniary gains. Some can kill or maim essentially to get rich. Akaeze postulates that: for a country that is universally acknowledged as one of the most religious in the world, in view of the high number of churches ... dotting its landscape, the trend is disturbing⁶⁶. Ehioghae quoting Tinubu states that: ...the churches that ought to lead the vanguard in the fight against social ills are sometimes found in these acts⁶⁷... Obasanjo had indicted some religious bodies of aiding and abetting crimes and that the "rising tide of corruption could be dumped at the door-steps of these church leaders"⁶⁸. Imagine the meddlesomeness of some ministers in shady deals in diverse stratagem! There are sleazy deals and crass commercialization of the gospel⁶⁹, even when Gaebelein enthuse that ...the ministry has no place for those who make merchandise of it⁷⁰. Could all these atrocities hitherto enumerated be linked with the end-time? Paul had, in his letter to his spiritual son, Timothy, predicted that:

...In the last days there will come times of stress. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderous, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... (II Tim. 3:1-4).

Corroborating the prediction of Paul, Thomas Hale postulates that: in the last days before Christ comes again, trouble and distress will come upon all men. At that time many will turn away from the faith⁷¹. However, adherents of the Christian faith should be wary

of their conducts. This is because John pungently states very clearly that: ...Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay everyone for what he has done" (Rev. 22:11-12). Therefore, the delay in the *parousia* (second coming) of Jesus must not engender any relaxation in the faithful vigilance of God's people⁷². Christians must necessarily rise and be watchful of their conducts. They should be like Ceaser's wife, above board⁷³, that is, living a meaningful and righteous life and not disingenuous or entangled in infraction(s) as presently found in many churches. Certainly, righteousness is a desideratum, as there is the absolute need for moral rectitude in Christianity.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Capacity building is the development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes in individuals and groups of people relevant in the design, development, and maintenance of institutional and operational infrastructures using processes locally meaningful. Entrepreneurial development is anchored on robust capacity-building strategies that involve harnessing creative skills essential to create economic opportunities. The increasing population in Nigeria is an enabler for creative minds to deploy their skills in stimulating viable employment opportunities which provides means of livelihood for the growing labour force. Creative entrepreneurial initiatives contribute immensely to the economic growth of developing countries in creating sustainable jobs. Apparently, Nigeria confronts challenges of an ineffective waste collection system, inadequate coverage of the collection system, and poor management of collected wastes. The creation of regulatory frameworks to encourage private individuals to invest in waste collection, recycling, and to reuse are necessary to build capacity in waste to wealth. Used or expired items in the environments such as empty cans, containers, used/expired tires can be transformed into objects of high premium value when recreated or reworked by creative minds. Recreating disposed items could be a

source of livelihood and income-earning in a developing economy like Nigeria. Entrepreneurial prospects in the waste to the wealth value chain are focused on transforming expired used objects into valuable functional items to generate sustainable livelihoods. The business model of a waste management venture involved in the reuse of waste materials should entail feasibility/cost-benefit analyses; returns on investment/pay-back analyses; branding, marketing and distribution networks; analysis of competitiveness. The easy access to unused or expired tires spurs entrepreneurial drive into these areas and enable skillful creative individuals to explore the transformation of these into objects of value. Apparently, this creative method of managing disposed tires preserves it for future reuse and more appropriate than the destructive way of recycling through burning.

a) *Solid Waste Management in Nigeria*

The rapid increase in the global population has driven an upsurge in socioeconomic activities such as industrialization, technological developments, changing lifestyles, and consumption patterns. Daily human activities produce different kinds of waste constituting harmful environmental threats to residents of cities in developing nations across the world. Nigeria, with a population exceeding 170 million, is one of the largest producers of solid waste in Africa (Bioenergy Consult, 2019). Nigeria generates more than 32 million tons of solid waste annually, out of which only 20-30% is collected (Bioenergy Consult, 2019). However, the Nigerian federal government promulgated environmental 1988 to safeguard the public space from environmental nuisances that endanger society. Adewole (2009) noted that one of the few statutes in Nigeria, which attempts to define waste is the Lagos State Environmental Edicts 1985, therein Section 32, waste is defined as follows:

Waste includes:

- i. Waste of all descriptions.
- ii. Any substance, which constitutes scrap materials or effluent or other unwanted surplus substances arising

Sridhar (1996) defined waste as any unavoidable material resulting from domestic activity or industrial operation for which there is no economic demand and which must be disposed of. Adewole (2009) further classified municipal solid wastes in terms of

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three key sources of generators: residential, commercial, and industrial. In Nigeria, municipal waste densities generally range from 250–370 kg/m³ (Amber, Kulla & Gukop, 2012). The enormous investment opportunities in waste management offers high return on investments for public and private sectors. Developing countries like Nigeria, have challenges with the management of solid wastes that varies from the industrialized nations in the aspect of composition, density, political and economic frameworks, quantity of waste, access to waste for collection, awareness, and attitude. Inappropriate disposal of solid waste in most Nigerian cities contributes enormously to the unattractive state of major Nigerian cityscape and the deepening of low quality of lives. Frequently practiced waste disposal methods in Nigeria, such as burial, open-air burning, and open dumping, have shown to be ineffective and detrimental to public health and the environment. The environmental effects of poor waste management also include water and air pollution. An improperly disposed waste block waterways and drains resulting in fatal flooding and create a fertile environment for mosquitoes to breed.

b) Used and Expired Tires in Nigeria

Tons of used plastic products and rubber products like worn tires litter the Nigerian environment. It is estimated that 259 million tires are discarded annually in Nigeria (International Journal of Research Engineering, Science and Management, 2018). Discarded tires constitute a large chunk of the municipal solid wastes in Nigeria due to the countrys heavy reliance on road transportation. The discarded tires are not fit to be used by vehicles because their continuous usage can cause an accident leading to the loss of human lives. Often, waste tires are retreaded for reuse, or processed into crumbs for making surfaces and into chips for use as a solid fuel (foramfera, 2018). However, the unconducive business environment in Nigeria caused by poor infrastructure and multi-tax system hinders industries such as tire production factories that can either retread or recycled for use. The previously available ones have relocated to neighboring countries. Used tires are typically discarded, reused or burnt. Open-air burning of tires pollute the air, contaminate the soils, alters their physical and mechanical properties and makes the soil prone to ecological disasters. Hence, this research reused discarded tires to produce furniture suitable for home use.

II. METHODOLOGY

This research design is product development. The research population is eight unused and expired tires packed from dumpsites around Ifo Ogun State. The materials utilized for this research include unused tires, fabrics, dye, hydro Sulphate, Soda, Foam, wooden plank, Binding wire

a) Procedure of Production

Production of Center Table

Tires were washed and dried to remove dirt. The fabric was also washed and spread in the sun to dry, then dyed into red and blue using *Adire* technique (see Plate 2). Dyed fabric was ironed for smoothening. Foam materials with minimal thickness were wrapped and fixed firmly on the tires using stapled gun to prevent removal of the foam from the tyre. Likewise, the dyed fabric with *Adire* patterns were laid and wrapped on the foam covering the exterior of the tires (see Plate 3, and Plate 4). To create a seat, two wrapped tires were fixed together using a screwed steel plate (see Plate 5); short pieces of 2×3 planks were inserted into the joined tires and nailed on wooden round shape base fixed underneath the lower tires. A round glass piece was placed and affixed on the upper part of the joined tires to produce the center table. Adhesives was applied to the edges of the wrapped foam and fabric to achieve good finishing.



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 1: Retrieved discarded tires



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 2: Dying of Fabric



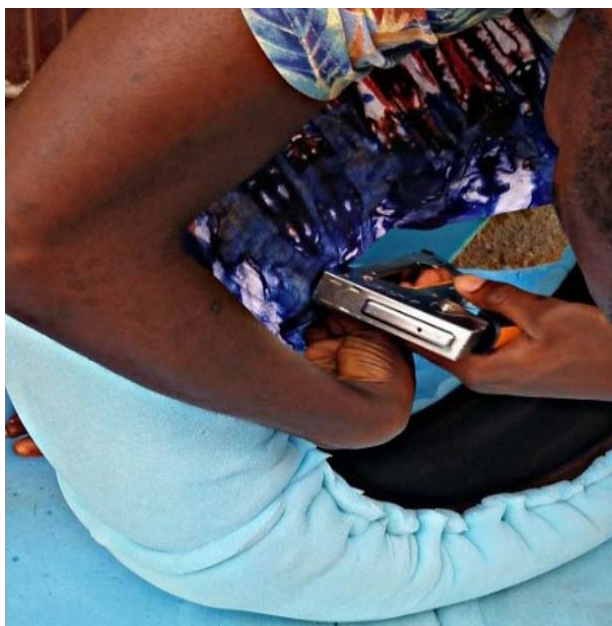
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Plate 3: wrapping of foam on the tires



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 4: Affixing foam to the tyre with gun



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 5: Affixing Adire fabric and foam to the Stapler tires



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 5: Joining of wrapped tires with metal the



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 6: Inserted 2×3 Planks placed on an underneath base



a)



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

b)

Plate 7: Application of adhesives to the edges of the wrapped foam

b) Production of Seats with Back Rest

Some of the tires were cut into two, using saw blade and small pieces square-shaped plywood were inserted into the openings to brace and strengthen that section of the seat to provide the needed comfort when rested upon. These parts of the furniture were wrapped and covered with foam and *Adire* fabric. The back rest was placed on a complete tyre that has an underneath base affixed with 4 pieces of 2x3 in the interior and covered on to the top with roundish based wrapped with foam and *Adire* fabric, which enables users to seat. Four sets of these seats were produced and each has aluminum steel attached underneath to create balance for the seats and center table



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 8: Cutting of tires into two to create a back rest



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 9: Insertion of plywood pieces into



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 9: Fixing of metal stands to the furniture base



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 10: Seat wrapped with foam



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 11: Seat wrapped with foam and fabric



Researchers Fieldwork (2019)

Plate 12: Complete Set of tyre made furniture

III. DISCUSSIONS AND RESULTS

The result shows that expired, and used tires can be skillfully reused to create objects of premium and functional value. The produced furniture resonate comforts and style. Balancing and movability are the trademarks of these creative items. The steel stands attached underneath the furniture's enhance balancing and movability. *Adire* fabric covers add richness and

colourful socio-cultural embodiments to the furniture. Also, incorporated foam material enables easiness and usability. These furniture fit for both indoors and outdoors due to the aesthetics and adaptability features. Therefore, they are suitable for offices, banks, hotels, public buildings, homes and others. Tires are sturdy and non-degradable, hence the furniture will be durable and long-lasting.

IV. CONCLUSION

The transformation of expired and used tires into the home and office use furniture showcases the entrepreneurial opportunities therein in the application creative skills to items of perceived little or no value. Capacity building in waste wealth leverages a sustainable means of livelihood across the value of production of in the reuse of discarded items. Also, this type of entrepreneurial venture can easily be setup because the primary materials are cheaply available. Creative reuse of discarded items such as tires hitherto changes the perception of these items as being objects of no value that constitute an environmental nuisance that could endanger human lives. Reuse is environmentally friendly, safe and cost-effective approach to disposing waste materials than other recycling methods.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Wide Sargasso Sea is a 1966 postcolonial novel by Dominican British woman Jean Rhys. The novelist lived in lack of recognition after her past work, *Good Morning, Midnight* that was published in 1939. She had worked on different books between these works, and however *Wide Sargasso Sea* brought on a recovery of enthusiasm for Rhys and her work.

The novel was composed as a prequel and response to Charlotte Bronte's prominent novel *Jane Eyre* (1847), depicting the foundation to the marriage that Jane, the 'ideal' protagonist of Bronte's work finds out about in the wake of going to work for Mr. Rochester. It is the story of Antoinette Cosway, a Creole beneficiary, from the time of her childhood in Jamaica, to her troubled marriage to a English courteous fellow- he is never named by the author. Rochester renames her to a 'mundane' Bertha, pronounces her mad, and obliges her to migrate to England as his marital burden. Jean Rhys opposed to the adverse representation of Bertha Mason, the Creole in *Jane Eyre*, because, as Rhys penned to her editor, "that's only one side - the English side" (Wyndham, 297). Instead, she wanted to write "the real story - as it might have been," to tell "a plausible story . . . [in] a plausible way" and "to make the whole smooth and inevitable" (Wyndham, 153, 154).

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Involved in severe patriarchal surroundings in which she completely has a place neither with the Europeans nor the Jamaicans, Cosway is Rhys' rendition of Bronte's wicked woman, who was classified as "mad woman in the attic" which is a title text named *Mad Woman in the Attic* by Sandra Gilbert, and Susan Gubar as well as a feminist theoretical representation of non-European or colonized women. With numerous post-colonial issues, the novel manages the subjects of ethnic disparity and the cruelty of uprooting and absorption. It is additionally worried with power relations amongst men and women.

Principally a Bildungsroman in genre, *Jane Eyre* takes after the feelings and encounters of its eponymous hero, including her development *Jane Eyre* changed the craft of fiction as a novel contains components of social feedback, with a solid feeling of ethical quality at its center, however, as in any case a novel, many consider relatively revolutionary given the individualistic character of Jane and the novel's investigation of classism, sexuality, religion, and women's liberatio.

In the late twentieth century, critiques have considered *Wide Sargasso Sea* as a post-colonial reaction to *Jane Eyre*. Rhys utilizes various voices such as that of Antoinette's, Rochester's, and Grace Poole's to recount the story, and profoundly interweaves her novel's plot with that of *Jane Eyre*. What is more, Rhys makes a post-colonial contention when she ties Antoinette's significant 'other', an inevitable dismissal of Antoinette to her Creole legacy which was a dismissal appeared to be basic to Antoinette's plummet into insanity.

Jane Eyre utilizes numerous themes from Gothic fiction, for example, the Gothic house of Thornfield Hall, the Byronic (a character of British poet Byron or his poetry, especially romanticism, melancholy and melodramatic energy) , saint Mr. Rochester, and The 'mad woman in the Attic' Bertha, whom Jane sees as looking like the foul German phantom (Himmelreich,2009) the vampire and who assaults her own sibling in an unmistakably 'vampire' way quite rightly depicted as: "She sucked the blood: she said she'd deplete my heart" (Bronte; 250, Chapter 20).

II. POST-COLONIAL STUDY

Post-Colonial Study is systematic and theoretical way to deal with the dissected writings

created in nations that were once colonies, particularly of European powers, for example, Britain, France, and Spain. Postcolonial criticism “undermines the universalist claims once made on behalf of literature by liberal humanist critics...; whenever a universal signification is claimed for a work, then, white, Eurocentric norms and practices are being promoted by a slight on hand to this elevated status, and all others correspondingly relegated to subsidiary, marginalized roles.” (Barry, 192-3). One of the aspects that post-colonial theories deal with is to analyze text of countries that have colonial history; this is literary post colonialism. Then what does literary post colonialism study? Here an answer can be dragged from McLeod as he traces that literary post colonialism involves, “.

- i. Reading texts produced by writers from countries with a history of colonialism, primarily those texts concerned with the workings and legacy of colonialism in either the past or the present.
- ii. Reading texts produced by those that have migrated from countries with a history of colonialism, or those descended from migrant families, which deal in the main with diaspora experience and its many consequences.
- iii. In the light of theories of colonial discourses, re-reading texts produced during colonialism; both those that directly address the experiences of Empire, and those that seem not to”. (33).

Post-colonial theories likewise take a look at the more extensive associations between European countries and the social orders they colonized by managing issues, for example, personality, counting sexual orientation, race, and class, dialect, representation, and history. Indian postcolonial theorist Homi K. Bhabha states that the postcolonial text speaks of “the reality of survival and negotiation that constitutes the lived moment of resistance, its sorrow and its salvation” (57).

In another sense, post-colonial study is a directly derived analysis of Commonwealth literary studies where the researcher investigates literary-historical and politico-cultural issues of a previously colonized state. So it is an attempt as Hans Bertens correctly utters: “In the course of 1980s, Commonwealth literary studies become part of the then emerging and now vast field of literary, cultural, political and historical inquiry that we call postcolonial studies.” (Bertens, p. 200).

The Palestinian American cultural critic Edward Said is a very noteworthy figure of postcolonial thought, and his book *Orientalism* (1978) is regularly credited as its establishing content. He argues that the West almost always considers the East like its ‘Other’ and therefore remains as erotic, seductive, exotic, and womanly. Some other post colonialists whose works have contributed to develop post colonialism as a theoretical

discourse are Gayatri Spivak’s *In Other Worlds* (1987), Bhabha’s *Nation and Narration* (1990).

We can’t specify *Jane Eyre* without raising Jean Rhys’ retelling of Bertha Mason’s story, *Wide Sargasso Sea*. What is more, truly furthermore post-colonial than a novel that endeavors not simply to re-compose a ‘standard’ English novel, additionally to re-outline that exceptional novel with its subdued colonialist roots. *Wide Sargasso Sea* takes Bertha and gives her a voice, a history, indeed an altogether new name in Rhys’ form, Antoinette is Bertha’s genuine name; Rochester renames her as only one of his demonstrations of hideousness. Antoinette gives up her riches as well as forsakes the passionate resistance system she created as a result of the dismissals of her mother and Tia. For quite a long time she has guided her affection toward well-known spots and things however not individuals having the conceivable exemption of Christophine, who is about as estranged from the highly contrasting woman unlike Antoinette). Presently, nonetheless, Antoinette falls enthusiastically enamored with her new spouse. at some point asking Rochester “Why did you make me want to live?” (54), furthermore, pondering what she would do in the situation that he “took this happiness away when I wasn’t looking”, she murmurs, “If I could die. Now, when I am happy. Would you do that? You wouldn’t have to kill me. Say die and I will die” (55).

In Rhys’ novel, Antoinette/Bertha enters in addition or less an orchestrated marriage, a legally binding arrangement between Rochester’s family and her’s. Additionally it is noticeable that the chance to perceive how Rochester truly simply doesn’t get the Caribbean or Antoinette, despite the fact that he is thoroughly ready to lay down with their dark worker.

This is not the end of Antoinette’s/Bertha’s perspective. Rhys was conscious about a large number of contemporary books which were comparatively radical, so she switches points of view of different characters. Including Rochester’s point of view, not just permits Rhys to abstain from a “muggy” character as Bronte did with Bertha; it gives Rhys a chance to flip forward and backward between the oppressor (Rochester), and the mistreated (Antoinette and the other women in the novel). Rochester treats Antoinette just as she was rationally unsound and addresses her with one of her mother’s names, Bertha. Because of these conscious endeavors to change the character of these colonized Others, Antoinette is changed into something seen by individuals from the metropolitan point as immense or savage and in the end their own lives. Rochester gadgets an arrangement both to rebuff and control her and mercilessly completes it, summoning his ‘lawful’ power as a spouse and an Englishman to do as such.

This is a super-critical text, not on the grounds that it is taken from the earliest starting point of the novel

in spite of the fact that makes a difference. In these passages, Rhys demonstrates the foundation of Antoinette's inconveniences. The reality Antoinette and her family, particularly her mother, who is a Creole exists in this weird world, without a group. They are lower than the whites and they don't have a place with the blacks, as their Jamaican dark servant Christophine intimates when she makes a little insult at Antoinette's "beautiful" mother.

Rochester considers himself as "thirsty for" Antoinette, interfacing her to the extraordinary scene whose mystery he ceaselessly expresses longing to know. This is no love he feels for her, as he unequivocally he states (55), yet rather a wild and voracious desire that scares him. Antoinette/Bertha in fact moves towards subject-position from "minor" to "major" in the course of her story as she experiences various situations; furthermore, the existential crisis of in-between-ness of racial identity which makes her voice that of one 'Other' instead of the another, reduced by urban radical interchange.

From Antoinette's mother, it is additionally discovered that it has been some time since the Emancipation Act, or the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833, and the English should repay ex-slave-owners for their monetary "loss" otherwise known as their liberated slaves yet haven't made a move. Besides that, Antoinette, her mother and whatever remains of her family are, like their neighbor Mr. Luttrell (part of the blurring, colonial order), when they used to possess plantations and slaves.

A reader must think the following: Are not Antoinette/Bertha and her mother expected to represent the "colonized"? By what means would they be able to be both the "colonized" and the "colonizer"? It is obvious; this is the reason post-colonialists like this book. It demonstrates how marks like "colonizer" and "colonized" truly aren't that straightforward. You can have somebody like Antoinette's mother who is both on account of her blended heritage. Miss Bronte would have indeed been proud by seeing this multifaceted complexity.

Antoinette's mother is superbly ready to be that character who is practically the same yet not exactly along these lines, so far as that is concerned, is Antoinette. Her mom talks in impeccable "Queen's English" to Mr. Luttrell; however what she says highlights her untouchable status. She talks about the ex-manor proprietors as "they" and does exclude herself and Mr. Luttrell in that "they," despite the fact that they were both part of the estate business since she wedded into it and Mr. Luttrell was a manor proprietor as well. Here is a sign of heredity in the speech of Antoinette's mother. So hybridity among the Creoles in the Caribbean is not uncommon, claims Aisha Khan in *Sacred Subversions? Syncretic Creoles, the Indo-Caribbean, and Culture's In-between*: "Caribbean

intellectuals have long been concerned with the in-between-as creolization- approaching it as a specifically Caribbean issue that defines the region" (Khan 168).

Therefore, she propels us to see the other slave proprietors as pitiable initially, on the grounds that they're really sitting tight for compensation, and second, in light of the fact that the entire system has turned on them.

Yet, obviously, it is not by any means expected to pity them. What is fascinating is the tone of Antoinette's mother as how she goes about as if she is over every one of these "disasters." A Creole woman who acts better than white slave-proprietor. Many readers pose the query that how could she? And who does she think she is? A post-colonialist?

However, it is not only that Bertha is a blended race wild kid from Jamaica, it is that Charlotte Bronte's diverse treatment of Jane and Bertha indicates how the upright white Western European woman, Jane for this situation, serves to characterize the colonized lady (Bertha) as the insane, gigantic "Other". Or, in literary terms, psycho-Jamaican Bertha is a foil to virtuous English Jane. Incidentally, Bertha is additionally a major reaction with women's activists other than Spivak. There is something absolutely noticeable about the entire madwoman in the attic, as it turns out.

Presently, one wonders why post-colonialists are so concerned and why do they get quite agitated about how Bertha is depicted in this exemplary novel. Bronte herself, without the channel of Rochester's viewpoint, portrays Bertha as an aggregate monster as well, so in the event that you thought Bronte simply needed to make Rochester resemble a beast, well one should reconsider. The following passage depicts exactly that.

"In the deep shade, at the farther end of the room, a figure ran backwards and forwards. What it was, whether beast or human being, one could not, at first sight, tell: it groveled, seemingly, on all fours; it snatched and growled like some strange wild animal: but it was covered with clothing, and a quantity of dark, grizzled hair, wild as a mane, hid its head and face" (Bronte; 350 ,26) . It is hard to believe, but it is true. You cannot get a more dehumanizing depiction of Bertha than that.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF BERTHA AS ANTOINETTE

Charlotte Bronte and Jean Rhys composed their novels in different centuries and came from very different backgrounds. However, despite these disparities the use of symbolism in their narratives can be compared.

Jean Rhys's 1966 novel *Wide Sargasso Sea* is a creative response to Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, a nineteenth century classic, which has always been one

of English Literature's greatest and most popular love stories.

Jane Eyre is a story of true love that encounters many obstacles and problems, but surmounts these troubles to fulfill destiny. The main source of trouble is Rochester's "insane" first wife, Bertha Mason, a lunatic creole who is locked in the attic of his country house, the gothic Thornfield Hall.

The problem is eventually solved, tragically, when Bertha escapes and burns Thornfield to the ground, killing herself and seriously maiming Rochester in the process. The social and moral imbalances between Jane and Rochester are then equaled by his punishment for his previous actions, and Jane's rise in status due to an inheritance.

IV. A RECONSTRUCTION: META TO MICRO NARRATIVE

In *Wide Sargasso Sea* Rhys shifts the perspective on *Jane Eyre* by expressing the viewpoints of the different characters in the source material that was taking a different structural approach to the first-person narrative technique employed by Bronte. She wrote her version as a multiple narratives, giving Bertha a previously-unheard voice. Rochester, even though remains unnamed in *Wide Sargasso Sea*, takes over the narration in part two, and Grace Poole enlightens us at the opening of part three. Rhys can be seen as repaying Bronte for her failure to give Bertha a voice by not allowing Jane once, even though she does appear in the novel. Antoinette, as Bertha is named in Rhys's novel, declares, 'There is always the other side', and this proves to be the governing theme throughout both novels.

Antoinette's dreams appear to be just as significant as Jane's, and Rhys no doubt found inspiration for developing Antoinette's character through the idea of Jane's dreams and premonitions. We can also compare the difference between how the symbolism of fire distinguishes the representations of Jane and Antoinette's characters. Rochester describes the West Indies as 'Fiery' and we see his dislike of this unfamiliar environment grow to overpowering proportions, until he decides to shoot himself. He is prevented by 'a fresh wind from Europe', which entices him home.

This scene echoes *Jane Eyre*, where Jane hears Rochester's voice calling her back to Thornfield. Rochester undoubtedly associates Jamaica with evil and so Bertha's fiery, manic disposition fits in with his view of the Caribbean. And here the pioneer postcolonial theorist Edward Said's famous concept the 'Other' becomes clearly visible. England is seen as 'pure', Jane is described as having 'clear eyes' a 'face', this healthy description informing us of her mental health.

Rochester wants a true English Rose 'this is what I wished to have' (laying a hand on Jane's shoulder) (Bronte; 351, 26). Bertha's fiery, hateful and wild nature is the opposite of Jane's prim and typically English reserve. The passionate nature at the heart of the novel is epitomized in Jane's metaphor for her love for Rochester, 'Fiery iron grasped my vitals' (Bronte 378, 27).

Jane's fire is in her love whereas Antoinette's fire is one of pain and fear. Fire also links Jane to Bertha, both in passion and in the actual setting of fire, most notably the fire that kills Bertha but symbolizes rebirth in the character of Rochester.

Rhys's novel suggests a re-examining of a piece of Bronte's work with precise consideration given to the mostly downbeat effects of European colonial activities on the culture of the Caribbean. Post-colonial works shot to amend or justify generally-established European-viewed historical particulars by giving records from the viewpoint of the colonized grassroots - usually subdued marginal clusters. In this issue, Rhys provides voice to Bronte's Creole lunatic woman, a personality she caringly rediscovers naming Antoinette. Through imagining Antoinette's background previously being locked in the upper floor; whose fate Bronte packed off her, Rhys at the same time calls into query the ethnically derogatory portrayal of her literary precursor and accuses the once-out of control practice of colonialism. In this stratum, Antoinette's anonymous English husband (Bronte's Rochester) stands for the terribly influential colonist.

Insanity is the allegory in the cover of rationality; social psychoanalyst Harvey Cleckley suggests that "it is the unique function of literature to suggest intuitively perceptions of human nature and motivation which other disciplines can only sense, or may even ignore". In *Wide Sargasso Sea*, Rhys offers through an intensely spontaneous, atypically dualistic portrayal of the character whom the social order in all its pseudo-reasoning may consider a psychotic of some kind, or (in public idiom) the "neurotic broad". In *Women and Madness*, Phyllis Chesler raises the fact: "When is a Woman Mad . . . And Who Decides Whether She Is?" (2005). In that context, in both Rhys's *Wide Sargasso Sea*, and Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, the woman central character, the well-to-do Creole spouse of Rochester, is confined in Thornfield Hall, the house in the middle of that aged, quite English scenery which Rhys portrays so disturbingly keeping a contrast with the opulent Jamaican background in *Wide Sargasso Sea*. Chesler makes it clear that the woman psychiatric patient who is physically/sexually connected to her patriarchal psycho-consultant is in triple hazard - as female, as client, and as individual.

Even further, there is a mark of the vitality of Rays' vision that a collocation of *Wide Sargasso Sea* and *Jane Eyre* conveys into pure query the 'rightness' of a

person's being able to imprison on one level of her house, the wife whom he considers as senseless, on some nebulous basis. This is like the change in females' self-consciousness and self-notion, between Bronte's eras and our particular time, and that is the sort of enlightenment of the standpoint of the previously depicted by Rhys's novel, that, through the radiance of *Wide Sargasso Sea*, Bronte's protagonist Rochester now appears like a prisoner rather than a savior.

V. RECKLESSNESS, REBELLION AND EMANCIPATION

"As a writer she [Jean Rhys] startles us with what it does not occur to her to overlook" (Updike p. 82). It is noticeable that the novel *Wide Sargasso Sea* begins with suicide and closes with almost an apparent suicide. This reproduces together an organizational and thematic harmony. In the beginning, the suicide of the Cosways' last outstanding white fellow man, Mr. Luttrell occurs: "One calm evening he shot his dog, swam out to sea and was gone for always" (Rhys; 15). His suicide is an avowal on the dreadfulness of the withdrawal of the previous landlord-class of the isles, the island whites, who, after the passing of emancipation act, were currently in agitation. The reason is they are neither tolerable to the European society, nor the embryonic domain of the non-whites, the previous enslaved class.

On another side, the "suicide" by which the novel closes (Antoinette's) is a violent action of self-proclamation and spirit, the confirmation of the assertions of the individuality in the state of the living dead condition of lonely imprisonment in Thornfield Hall, at an exceedingly dubious pity of her arbiter, bench, governor, spouse and "paramour", the publicly considerable yet ethically immoral companion of her "formative years". Antoinette's last piece of self-liberating attempt is elaborated as follows: "I dropped the candle I was carrying and it caught the end of a tablecloth and I saw flames shoot up. As I ran or perhaps floated or flew I called help me Christophine help me and looking behind me I saw that I had been helped. There was a wall of fire protecting me. . ." (Rhys; 154) Antoinette's last act is surely a definite selection.

VI. THE DOMINATING, DOMINATED AND COLORLESS INSECTS

"Creole of pure English descent she may be, but they are not English or European either." (Rhys; 154). The after-Emancipation time was a period of traumatic, disturbing conversion for both non-whites and whites in the Caribbean islands. The unrecognized past of culture is a past which can on no occasion speak the unspoken anguishes and agonies of the anthropoid consciousness. This history is exactly the history of psycho-cultural environment which notifies the

characteristics and intentions of Rhys's characterizations - together non-white and white. The "white cockroaches" (the poor whites or Creoles), as they are scornfully called by the blacks, are truly displaced persons, unable to employ the new free (black) labor force, and unable to abandon their memories of a past life-style- to let go of "the old time". Theirs is the tragedy of the changing of an age, and the shifting from authority - shorn of money to comfort them alongside the tremor of transformation; the Europeans/whites, who were immensely authoritative, currently become hostile prompts to the non-whites of their own tremendously helpless earlier days; likewise they are disdainfully termed "white cockroaches". Thus, as a juvenile, Rhys's protagonist is uncovered to the ruthless facts of society, history, and the economy, by her blackish sister/friend, Tia, who, replies her viciously: ". . . Plenty white people in Jamaica. Real white people, they got gold money. They didn't look at us, nobody see them come near us. Old time white people nothing but white nigger now, and black nigger better than white nigger". (10; part 1). "As mentioned in *Jane Eyre*, the Caribbean Bertha is seen through the eyes of Rochester, her English opponent:

"Bertha Mason is mad; and she came of a mad family; idiots and maniacs through three generations. Her mother, the Creole, was both a madwoman and a drunkard!--as I found out after I had wed the daughter: for they were silent on family secrets before. Bertha, like a dutiful child, copied her parent in both points. (Bronte; 349, 26)"

In the technical side, Rhys's collocation of the "stream of consciousness" of Rochester and Antoinette delivers the double standard perception into man and woman susceptibility. Similarly, this contrary-harmonizing of feelings discloses the conflicting but connected features of racialism, bigotry and class partiality.

VII. PROBLEMATIC HYBRID ORIGIN

Hybridity is a new trans-cultural structure that emerges from diverse trade. Hybridity can be social, political, semantic, religious, and so on. These hybrids live "'border lives' on the margins of different nations, in-between contrary homelands" (McLeod; 217). And the critical socio-cultural status of Antoinette has made her daily life rather less adjustable in her birth place where she lives. She is neither at all capable of coping with the natives of Caribbean islands (they hate her because of her white skin); nor she can secure a place among the European whites in England (as she is a Creole). Profoundly influenced by her Creole heritage, Antoinette takes after the run of the mill picture of a half breed individual cut in the middle of the motion of two distinct societies. Not at all like Bronte exhibiting a story of consideration where the heroes are made inside the extent of Englishness, Jean Rhys plots a story of

rejection where the non-English endeavors to accomplish Englishness yet it has fiasco composed on top of it. Along these lines, through its double narratives, the last respects trustworthy consideration regarding the feelings of the excepted and barred, the colonizer and the colonized. Faizal Forrester comments, "for Rhys, Bertha is someone quite different: she is a woman who is mad, not a trivial symbol" (32-42).

According to Bhabha, this kind of living in-between multiple identities leads to a form of hybridity, a kind of ambivalent mindset where there is no longer a specific place or home, but mixed feelings over the fact that nothing is stable anymore or is the way we expect things to be: "we find ourselves in the moment of transit where space and time cross to produce complex figures of difference and identity, past and present, inside and outside, inclusion and exclusion" (Bhabha 1). That is the very situation after the "Emancipation Act". In August 1833, the Slave Emancipation Act was passed, giving all slaves in the British domain their opportunity, yet following a set time of years. Manor proprietors got remuneration for the 'loss of their slaves' as an administration award set at £20,000,000. At that time when the colonizer English people started to leave their captured territory leaving behind the scars of suppression and destruction they caused to the newly freed natives along with victims like antoinette and her family who have cross-cultured, cross national problematic identity of in-between ness. Bhabha summarizes "Hybridity is the sign of the productivity of colonial power, its shifting forces and fixities; it is the name for the strategic reversal of the process of domination through disavowal... Hybridity is the revaluation of the assumption of colonial identity through the repetition of discriminatory identity effects" (Bhabha; 112). The beginning of this novel is the beginning of the subject of "White or Black?" and subsequently when you are in the middle of it, you are "No one important". With the passages of time you may either be a "white cockroach" or a "coconut", but still not anyone specific. Jean Rhys' courageous woman is one among a huge number of nobodies on the planet who wind up in the disturbance of two restricting societies while endeavoring to feel comfortable in one. Robert Young refers, "hybridity derives from biological and botanical usages and is subsequently employed in linguistics and racial theory in the nineteenth century" [22]. Homi K. Bhabha (1994) argues that, the underlying foundations of hybridity are situated in culture. He hints that socio-cultural hybridity "entertains difference without an assumed or imposed hierarchy". He has considered hybridity "the Third space", where a discourse between two unique societies is set up and our feeling of the verifiable personality of culture as a normalizing, merging power" is trailed (1994). Hence, from his viewpoint, hybridity helps the wealth of culture and acumen. Be that as it may, Rhys' tale is a case in conflict

with Bhabha's theories in such manner. Essentially, in *Wide Sargasso Sea*, to be a Creole or a "Mixture" is basically negative. Experiencing a vexing personality, the half breeds are generally viewed as untouchables.

VIII. EFFECTIVENESS

What needs to be perceived today is the many-sided quality of scholarly correspondence and interpretation. Because this post-colonial, rather 'post-post-colonial' (long after colonial ages) where the different 'worlds' have different voices with diversity in socio-historical, social-political, psycho-social and socio-religious and political realities.

As in all writings, in post-colonial writing we ought to know about the uniqueness of each work, it's setting of generation, intercession and assembly. In this point John Guesser acknowledges the retelling of Said's opinions in *Culture and Imperialism* by writing about it in one of his articles- anticipated by more than a quarter-century, Edward Said's call on *Culture and Imperialism* for contemporary readers to supply the silenced people in colonial texts with voices, Rhys makes Bertha Meson, the madwoman in the attic permitted only animal-like utterances and uncanny laughter in *Jane Eyre* and protagonist and predominant speaker in *Wide Sargasso Sea*.

Many experts consider post-colonial writing and feedback and post-colonial interpretation of such earth shattering significance to contemporary writing, artistic studies and interpretation concentrates on that the hypothetical structures that educate our perspective of them ought to be conceivable without a doubt.

Post-colonial writing should be able to expand on real, relevant, generally educated, socio-cultural (contemporary ideological) and literary framework in no less than two societies and an ability to utilize this system keeping in mind the end goal to achieve all the more separating comprehension of those societies and their ancient infrequencies.

Lineage

It ought to suffice to note that post-colonial studies prospered amidst a crisis of representation that moreover concurred with the disintegration of the main standards of advancement.

To be certain, regardless of their obvious divergences, these ideal models laid on certain common assumptions: a confidence in the viability of investigative level headedness, a specific origination of advancement, a dream of liberation in view of the liberal idea of the independent individual, so the mutual legacy of Enlightenment thoughts. It is this exceptional set of shared presumptions that turned into the objective of assault by post-structuralist and post-modernist critics.

Fundamental to this assault was the idea that the Universalist cases of stupendous stories of liberation in both their Marxist and common liberal variations

based on the avoidance from subject hood of the non-Western, the non-white, and women.

Modern reviewers regard it as an effective rambling build whose dull side got to be shown in the acts of prejudice, imperialism, and sexism and contended that the very idea of the Western self was predicated on the development of the non-Western other.

At the point when postcolonial thinker thinks about consolidated chronicled work, the outcome was frequently blamed for its excessively literary turn. But the reality is the 'truth' is not always sweet, contrarily bitter reality is sometimes expressed through bitter truth.

Post-colonial theory is a generally new zone in basic contemporary studies, having its establishments in most essential basic works in the field, and intends to show an unmistakable outline of, and prologue to, a standout amongst the most energizing and quickly creating territories of contemporary artistic feedback.

The topic of post-colonial theory is profoundly assorted. A great deal of accentuation lays on the historiography, territoriality space issues of personality, culture, domain, power and learning and its use covering primary controls including scholarly hypothesis, social studios, rationality, geology, financial matters, history and governmental issues.

Subjects secured under the realms of Post pioneer hypothesis incorporate negritude, national culture, orientalism, subaltern, uncertainty, hybridity, white pilgrim social orders, sexual orientation and expansionism, cultureless, Commonwealth writing, and minority discourse. Writers and thinkers have for years been involved in such a trance and eye-catching genre of writing that it has currently become somewhat mythical and unreal.

The aim of this paper was just an attempt based on these aforementioned assumptions and presumptions to discover the 'madwoman in the attic' the 'voiceless' 'insane' 'uprooted' 'tormented' 'suppressed' women Bertha Mason of the ideal Jane Eyre's story, who finally closed her eyes in order to see, with the help of an analytic study of Rhys's novel *Wide Sargasso Sea*. And Rhys has just played the role of the empire who wrote back. This type of postcolonial voice of the previously colonized voiceless is eventually contributing to discover this vast world of diversity which was kept hidden in the socio-cultural, politico-economic colonized realm.

To conclude this may be uttered from Mardorossian (1999), "The shifts characterizing the history of Jean Rhys criticism since the publication of her last novel in 1966 are evidence that the social and political meanings of a text are not solely determined by the ideologies of the time of its production but are constantly reformulated in the process of their reproduction by critical discourses". The history of

Rhys's criticism is characterized by a succession of polarizations that cannot be explained solely as a result of the complexities of her work and that testify to the disparity of diachronic as well as synchronic reading processes. *Wide Sargasso Sea* is a book of a specific ethnic atmosphere, at a specific time in history. It is similarly a book about a certain milieu and its psycho-cultural actuality. It is a novel about the polarity of life too. A text that helps us see things from colonial Others' perspective.

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