

**GRAVE TYPES, BURIAL RITES AND RITUALS AND THEIR
IMPACTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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ABSTRACT

The aims of this project is to explicitly narrate the nature of the death in the society, and its implications, the major causes of deaths in the world. In explaining this topic, several issues stand to be accounted for which are as follows: The discovery of death in the worlds, the emergence of burial institution in international relation. The nature of religion, culture, social, political and economic even environmental impacts around the globe today.

The discrimination between the rich and poor in each culture and society and communities.

The revolution of burial rites and rituals in the world and most importantly, the belief of the communities on their ancestors and the acceptance of their ancestors by the proper burial of the deceased to be accepted and the opening of their ancestral homes to be opened to the deceased as a come back into the ancestral fold, that they still existed in the communities providing safety and security, protection and guidance and instruction of impending calamity or future events either through dreams and vision. The ancestors lives continuously in our hears the living. Therefore food sacrifices are made to/for them spiritually all over the world but the methods varies.

Sins bring sicknesses and diseases which brings slavery to demons and shame, disgrace, poverty, dishonor and death. Satan's counsels to Eve and eve's persuasion of Adam and the eating of the forbidden fruits lures mankind from god to Satan; but repentance with a remorseful and a contrite heart returns one back to God.

Furthermore, there is the inevitable and inestimable gifts of the "electricity" and (ICT) information and communication technology. To enable the industrial revolution which brings about the activities of events planners, diplomacy, negotiation between heads of states with speed by the use of the telephone internet with all its gadgets and applications, to connects

states, communities, families, NGOs, states and non-state-actors in international relations (systems).

Moreso, there is the Jews, the Hindu, the Christian, the **skih**, the Muslim and the Humanists and he Africa in burials and rites. The activities of the gravedigger(s) and the parson, and the undertaker(s) role all add up to make the whole process spiritual different questions have been asked and are still been ask, where is heaven, is it up above in space? Or down below in the seas that separates the earth from the underground ocean? Then if one is to die how do you want to be buried? The issue of cremation and grave burial then arises. The economic impacts of burial rites are now very competitive, all over the world but especially in Africa where the bereaves now go to borrow or apply for loans from individual money lenders and LAPO, Banks, to finance the burial ceremony of their dead parents. This brings about under development and illiteracy in the family and communities. Proliferations of graves in the homes now in yoke in Africa due to the neglect and unattends nature of the cemeteries, graveyards, burial ground and family vaults in the world the parks and Greenland. The way forward for the government handling of burials and graves and cremation so that epidemic diseases will not erupt in the world and Africa especially. The statistical records of births and death, and longevity's roles in the world.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

This project work is aimed at to point out the causes of the “proliferation of graves in Nigeria, Africa and the world, result from the neglect or the unattended native of the public and private and church and cemeteries, vaults and grave yards with it hazardous effects and the works of the nuisance elements in the society(ies) concerning the cemeteries, and the economic religious, cultural, traditional an environmental importance of burial.

INTRODUCTION

The history of death and its causes spans many cultures and generations, nationalities and religions from ancient times to the present day. Death has been a permanent part (monster) of human tradition throughout history, it is present in all culture and society(ies) all the time. The history of death in human culture in the world began with earliest mankind Abel ===== born son of (man) Adam assassinated or murdered by Cain first son of Adam the second man and Abel the third man in the earliest mankind settlement and family; life created Adam after the first deep death (anesthesia) God commanded Eve out of the surgicalized ribs of Adam to make a help meet for him birth death and burial co-existed. In the north, east, west and south of the world; the condition, nature and character of the humans brings in culture, religion and traditions to the communities international relations in their relations with others.¹

The first war was the war in heaven between the Archangels Satan and his angels and God. The creator and God the father, threw Satan away with his angels to earth since, there have been no peace in the world, only those who followed Christ Jesus the king. Satan's plans was to force the world back to heaven while Jesus Christ gave free agency to mankind to close and eventually return to God.

Death has depopulated the world, but birth rate has increased the earth along with longevity. This point is the place of statistics in history. Where Neel J. Salkind wrote That data are collected, organized, summarized the interpreted...²

This leads us to the different causes of death the pain and sorrow of the bereaved the various customs norm, culture tradition, religion the different types and kinds of burial, the food, the colour of death the role of the communities, the mourners the gravediggers, the

undertakers, the parsons, the Iman, the handed, the Sikh, the humanists, the Christians, Muslim, the austere the Africans and the place of the ancestors as the preservers of the traditions and culture. Thereafter, the kinds of flowers, the headstone, the monuments and memorials the graves, grave yards, cemeteries, vaults and private burial places, the public cemeteries and all their conditions, the reason for the “proliferations” of graves in Edo State, Nigeria (part) West Africa then the African continent.

The role played by ICT in bring informations, speedy and accurate information to the world through the internet and it gadget and all it application in the dissemination of information factual news, commentaries, documentary live and talk show the mass media all these enabled by the electricity that make act industries and industries to be cited in the world. Thereafter the reason why some customs favoured cremation of the deceased and then the natural burials graves. Moreso, the state of the various conditions of the headstones and the monuments.

Finally the economic importance of burial in the world; and the place of the spiritual abode of the ancestors and the ancestral home-land burial across continents, the place of the states and diplomacy as regarding negotiation between states in respect of a dead statement abroad to be brought home³ The place of music and visual arts.⁴ and the place of ‘old age’ and longevity in the world.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

This introduction deals with the origin of death and the discovery of death and its benefits.

1.0 WHAT IS DEATH

Death is refers to a condition the cessation of life and all associated processes, the end of an organisms existence as an entity independent from its environment and its return to an inert, non-living state, often capitalized the personification of death as a hooded figure with a scythe, the groin reaper; tarot card (the death) the final part of something.⁵ Death comes to everyone, from Adam and Eve till date at different time even our Lord Jesus Christ, the kings and Queen princes and princesses, Lords and Ladies, counts and countesses, popes, presidents the rich and the poor and the citizens. The arrogant and haulty, dishonest and the humble and honest. One way or another, those who are myrthed and those who mythed themselves, like Jesus Christ, prophet Joseph Smith founder of the church of Jesus Christ of latter day saint (Mormon church) in 1837 along with his brother for their belief and faith and those who myrthed themselves.

The Mormons were easterners who sought a region so inhospitable an so isolated that it would be wanted by no one else to built and worship their Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord God. The governor branded the “public enemies” who must be exterminated or driven from the state, if necessary, for the public good⁶ the president was ‘shrew and vindictive’ as he and his brother was killed by a mob of two hundred anti-mormons, on June 27, 1844.⁷

PAIN

Pain is explained as an ache or bodily suffering or an instance of this; an unpleasant sensation, resulting from a derangement of functions, disease, or injury by violence, hurt, the condition of fact of sparing or anguish especially mental, as opposed to pleasure; especially mental, as opposed to pleasure; torment distress, sadness; grief; solicitude, disquietude. An annoying person or thing suffering seen as a punishment or penalty.

As we can see therefore, pain has a function, it is to enable us know that there is a disease part of our bodies, so that we can start care and management for it the earlier the better for that part not to rot and detected from the main body. Those who are passing through stress, those sorrowing and those who mourns can be comforted. Those who need help can receive help. Prayers and praying brings relief and comfort our hearts.

Therefore, death according to Lynne and Albert ‘the last Dance’ death affects all the nature and aspects of life. Accordingly therefore-

“... sometimes I feel there’s too little space in our society for a person to scream, to cry, to shout, to sing, to touch, to be human” behavior”⁸

In the same vain “prophet Kahlil in his book “the prophet” also talk about all these aspects, nature, tradition and cultures with passion from birth to ... death as individual topic, but he says of deaths, he said of pain.

... and would you keep your heart in wonder at the daily miracles of your life, your pain would not seem less wondrous than your joy; and you would accept the seasons of your heart, even as you have always accepted the seasons that pass over your fields. And you would watch with serenity through the winter of your grief. Much of your pain is self-chosen. It is bitter portion by which the physician within you heals your sick self. Therefore trust the physician and drink his remedy in silence and tranquility. For his hand, though heavy and hard, is guided by the tender hand of the unseen. And he cup he brings, though it burn your lips, has been fashioned of the clay which the potter has moistened with his own sacred tears”⁹

Then of death he said

“... you would know the secret of death. But how shall you find it unless you keep it in the heart of life? The owl whose night bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot unveil the misery of light. If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide into the body of life. For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of beyond, and like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring. Trust the dreams for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd. When he stands before the kind whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour. Is the shepherd not more joyful beneath his trembling that he shall wear the mark of the king? Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? and what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs then shall you truly dance”¹⁰

1.1 The Discovery of Death

Having introduced the project topic and death and pain as interwoven subjects and birth as the continuation of life to shame death wish on mankind by Satan. Pain and death has already been explained death is always bad, no matter the person or the circumstances death before honour, death can occur anywhere and anytime in any family.

1.2 Duty to the Dead

Everyone has duty to their dad either the person is good or evil no matter the statues in life. "... duty is not only familial, it is a sense of time and place, but mostly, it is a definition of self and our memory, preserve in time, sights, sound, smell and most of all feeling as vivid when one has a life and is concious¹¹

1.3 Body Language

Everyone in life, across cultures has familiar body signs common to them in everyday usage why body language every day and always in communication and reveals the inner mind intend of opponent or partner, it has no voice but is a faster means of transmission of emotions if interpreted correctly by one concerns.¹²

1.4 Statistics

What is statistics, according to Neil J. Salkind in his book "statistics for those who (think they) hate statistics" is describes as set of tools and techniques that is used for describing, organizing and interpreting information or data. Those data might be the scores on a test taken by students participating in a special maths curriculum, the speed with which problems are solved, the number of patients complaints when using one type of drug, rather than another, the number of errors in each inning of a world series game, or the average price of a dinner in an upscale restaurant in Santa Fe,

In all of these examples and the million more we could think of, data are collected, organized, summarized, and then interpreted. In this book, you'll learn about collecting, organizing, and summarizing data as part of descriptive statistics. And then you will learn about interpreting data when you learn about the usefulness of inferential statistics.¹³

It can all be represented in the birth rate and death rate of the population of a given local government, state, country school pupil's students of colleges and institution, no of graveyards, cemeteries, vaults burial grounds, churches and church yard the frequency of a particular events in the society and how to curb their frequency.

1.5 Some land mark or universal causes of death amongst children and youth and adult

Poverty: the process that leads to death, it is a gradual, indebtedness can lead to poverty when one is unable to foot bills; house rentage hospital, educational, amenities bills, inability to feed and clothe one's family and wards no job, business, not capable of borrowing due to the fact that one is no longer credit worthy, unable to payback, consequently, becomes grossly unhappy, moody spiritually psychologically, emotionally imbalance, economically, religiously culturally unfit to handle viable projects in one's capacity, always thinking and being carried away in his thought, sometimes one can take irrational decisions, lying to get hold of favour, using others shoulder to climb instead of the normal process (the ladder), one often results to drinking, smoking and doing drugs, keeping late nights, nagging, for he male wife and children beating which can lead to death and others.

1.6 famine – bring in poverty to a nation and individuals, when the crops do not do well or yield bountifully enough to feed the farmers and their families, communities and the nation (state). There will be money and no food for instance the inflation and scarcity of finished goods and producers goods in the Nigeria economy today, is a good example some says it is due to “border closure) others say it is due to coroner virus (Covid 19). What are you saying?

These all adds up to the tension, anxiety, grief, feeling of oppression, depression, frustration, stress to unelasticated limit, loss hope in oneself and faith in God, then fear of the

unknown replace faith and so on can sometimes lead to death sickness and suicide on the part of such a one.

Sicknesses and diseases

They are diverse in nature, and varied in degree of infectedness, some sicknesses on the onset and early stage are treatable while some are manageable for short duration and other for life. These sicknesses are mild in some patients and severe in others. While in other patients it is chronic or acute for instance for instance it weakens the patient immune system e.g. malaria, smallpox, typhus, measles, influenza, and syphilis are all European diseases which destroyed the Indian that they did not make suitable slaves... Europeans turned to Africans to supply their labour need.¹⁴ There are other childhood, Adolescent and adult sickness.

Incurable Diseases

Hypertension is said to be a killer disease leading to cardiac arrest, low blood pressure or high blood pressure has the same effect on a patient, it is also called silent killer can kill while the patient is asleep, anxious, excited, while driving, in a meeting, while watching football match and other tournament, while some slump and died before help could reach them. It used to be said that it is the disease of the rich man/woman/businessmen but these days for both the rich and poor can be caused by bankruptcy, loss of dear one, failure and other reason.

Human immune-deficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome HIV/AIDS. Is a sexually transmitted disease for those who are sexually active and those who are infected via instruments shared and through blood transfusion some wicked and overzealous doctors and scientist have been said to have infected four hundred children with the virus.

African continent is the most hit with the disease up-till date, only management drug has been found, it is a discriminating disease some people or family member locked their inflected relative indoor until they dies. It has divested the African continent worse the first, the second world wars; earthquakes and other natural and unnatural phenomenon in history. It is economically and human resource wasteful, very effective, medically and technical to montage. It has stages and types, discrimination kills faster than the disease itself.

Management care eats well, talk your medication on time go for your appointment or check up regularly. Families and friends should help the patient supply their needs, supply their needs. Support with prayers, do not take the infected away from expert care.

Epidemiology

Ebola virus disease (EVD)

In nature different disease occurs from time to time. Some are scientifically, labouratory prepared projects to be used as a weapon of mass destruction” on a group, tribe, nation, organization, government, as a terrorism weapon to eliminates opposition in government. Ebola virus was brought to Nigeria by Patrick Sawyer of Liberia Morovia in 2014 Sunday vanguard.

Four of those who died healthcare works who treated Liberian government official, Patrick Sawyer who brought the virus into the country from Monrovia. Most of the victims were from first consultant hospital where sawyer was admitted. Ebola has different symptoms. But compliance with doctor’s instruction was the only way out. Dr. Igonoh says “I was determined to survive, what kept me in that isolation centre was my belief that I will survive...

Dr. Fadipe tells the way he contacted the virus. “ I think when I contracted the disease was when I opened the door to the room where Sawyer was admitted. I was not that close to him in his room, there were two beds and I was only communicating with him from distance. Patrick Sawyer later died of the disease. Other ways of contracting was by touching bodily fluid, shaking hands, drinking from patient cups and so on.¹⁵

Lasa Fever

This disease or virus is contracted from multi-mammate rats which defecates on exposed food stuff and half fried garri which the later sunned dried to make more profits. It has the same symptoms with Ebola. Prevalent in Edo centre, and originated from there where it became a tradition for all those who fries garri half dried to sun dried than in every of their homes. When taken in as soaked garri, it causes the virus, but if boiled water is used to make it into eba, will kill the virus. Patients are taken into isolation centres and wards where specialist care are given such centres are Irrua specialist Hospital and University of Benin Teaching Hospital both in Edo State.

Corona Virus (Covid 19) (NCDC) national centre for disease control roles. World health Organisation so named the disease as Covid 19 after it occurred in 2019 it is said to have originated from china. Anyone who comes in contact with a carrier, shook hands, hug, kiss, touch public places e.g. door handles, hand rest coughing vomiting sneezing person should be avoided most importantly,. Anyone who sneezes no longer get “God bless you” or “bless you”. The use of constant hand washing with, use of hand sanitizers, face mask was prescribed by health personnels was said to be of help, otherwise the law enforcers will arrest and tries such a one in their mobile court. Banks schools markets were closed to covid 19, still western European and Asia continents are still being ravage by the virus that the Indians

throw away their gods in the ocean, everyday statistics was mounting, figures of dead and dying sky rocketing. The dead were not released to their families for burial, they were preserve in the stadia's and morgues.

People were told to stray at home only food stuff sellers, chemists store, pharmaceutical stores, clinics, hospital and their workers shared duties few people on duty at a time were allow to operate. Transportation was allowed except the inter-state transport company(ies) and individual travellers were not there was total, then partial short down. Therefore the plague of Covid 19 brought about economic consequences. No exportation and importation of both finish and unfinished producers goods. Palatine measure warehouses were vandalized, many people died from gun short wounds including army officers on guard these places now inflation is ravaging the country.

Furthermore, this plague was like the plague which devastated the 'Peloponnesian and their allies, invaded Attica ... only a few days in Attica and the plague broke out", as narrated by Thucydides in his book, "the Peloponnesian war" among the Athenians, the plague has been reported in among the neighborhood of Lemos and elsewhere. It was virulent in Athens. Doctors where incapable of treating the disease due to lack of the right methods and technique and procedures. Therefore the high mortality was amongst the doctors who frequently comes in contacts with the sick. There was also no human art, science of any help at all, useless were prayers made in temple consultation of oracles and so forth, at the end people were overwhelmed with their suffering and paid no further attention to such things.

The similarities and feature of covid 19 and the plague which devastated the Athenians are inseparable. It was rumoured to have originated in Ethiopia Upper-Egypt,

spread into Egypt itself, Libya, Persia, but it appears suddenly in the city of Athens among the population of Pirgeus, and they suppose that the Peloponnesians had poisoned (them) their reservoir (although there were no reservoir as at then). It appears in the upper city claiming more lives. This disease origin unknown, cure defies available experience medically.¹⁷

In the same item, it is also like the deadly scrub typhus and cholera which infected the place had killed hundreds of fleeing refugees and soldiers¹⁸ Till date covid 19 effects has not abated, inflation is still the order of the day. Give 2 metres gap as in this figure.

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NCDE- National Centre for Disease Control. Directive protestation, riot, demonstration, Endsars. They are all ways to show displeasure and grievance and dialoguing with those concerned in authority and “Riot depends on the messages heard or be telephoned, whatsapped, text message, written, coded, signaled, radio (ed) to the listeners, recipient to act in such a way and place and time and method employed in or for a policy implmentation¹⁹ people protested against the ills done to them and their colleagues. They were called Yahoo, yahoo. These people has chosen to engaged themselves in these activities and other vices due to the failure of government to secure them and the masses. The unpreparedness of our government in their political promises to the Nigerian led to several protest across the country. I will quote from a novel ‘the floating city’ the plight of the people.

“as you can see we have nothing” we need everything. Perhaps this was the answer, I do not think that government cares one way or another and they are doing an admirable job of it. In times of prosperity their sins would go unnoticed because there would be enough for everyone, but now when starvation and unemployment squat like swordsmen of the apocalypse astride

(japan) Nigeria. They appears naked in their gluttony, greed and sloth. The economy was shaky inflation was running rampant all destabilizing elements that make the country ripe for lawless ness²⁰

In Nigeria Lagos State peaceful protesters were shot dead on the 9th of October, 2020. In the dark and the killers were army officers, they drove away in their vehicles the same way they came. CNN has a video clip of these happening. They were sent by the Lagos State APC governor, 55 years old death is always bad no matter the person or the circumstances, death before honor.²¹ In the Endsars protest police stations were set ablaze, many people lost their lives, military and police, and civilians inclusive, curfews was imposes by the government from 4pm-6am in Edo State until the protest gradually calmed down.

“Once men would have brush-off this kind of police probe with a contemptuous wave of the hands. Greed had made even the most influential people careless, and the ensuring scandal had made waves reaching out of the media and worse, the public. Now there was an outcry from the populace against great and the endemic corruption. They did not understand. Now the police and the prosecutors, had the weight of the people on their side and the balance of power was tipping in their favour.²²

Suicide

It is a self-made choice of death in one own way and by the method and weapon so chosen...²³ people die by hanging themselves with anything drinking poisons, throwing themselves into the river or sea, jumping from high Towner, running into on-coming vehicle; electrocuting themselves, setting themselves ablaze and so on. Probably out of frustration and depressive loneliness.

Murder

The act of killing another or group of persons by any weapons for instance Cain killed Abel the first murder case on earth over an argument, on the fact that God accepted Abel sacrificial burnt offering to his own fruit offering, Abel gave sacrificially but Cain just gave for giving sake. They had an argument talk and Cain slain Abel the first man to die and murdered by household enemy brought death to mankind.²⁴

War

War means fighting over something of interest to both party who refused to sue diplomatic tools. There is peace time and wartime economy several wars in history the first war was between Jehovah and Satan and his angles and Jehovah throw Satan and his angel down to earth since them he has been the ruler of the earth until Jesus Christ came to redeemed mankind Cain war against Abel and killed him. Adam and Eve meet Satan on earth that was the reason he was able to trick them Satan has already polluted eh earth before the first human being. This is an age long battle.²⁵

There have been war ever since – war on border disputes between individual, communities, states and countries war on natural resource, inheritance, on economic, political and religion. Jihad Muslims the catholic kind protestant war which lasted 30 years 1608-1638. The French revolution, the World War I 1914 the world the second 1945, Kuwait, Iran and Iraqi war 1980. The American war =====the Gulf war and the civil war in all the continents.... has claimed much live.

Propaganda – this is the most devastating a lie and for cade on the part of the propagandist to India under. He/she is also an espionage the cause of the wars all over the world, they hate those who are righteous and of God disposition. The enemies use

propaganda to fright their unsuspecting innocent neighbours by forming of alliance. Propaganda has been used in other countries it causes war in Germany their chief propagandist Mussolini Bonillo use it to cause war all over the world and death of millions of people. Some has graves, mass burial some were buried under debris while others were irretrievable.

Killer – Gangs, Assassin, kidnapers, snipers, serial killer, rapist and others groups:

A report in the “Niger Delta Voice” says that the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Arase ordered homicide team in Port- Harcourt... 30 gunmen went berserk penultimate Saturday, stromed ula vipata and neighbouring Ediola communities in Ahoada east Local Government Area of the State and wreaked havoc. A source said the gangster practically descended on the Zion family and snuffer life out of 62 years old Mrs. Monica Zeon, Gospel Nwoka, 45, Mrs. Patricia Ziko, 42, and Rogers Nwoka, 28 ... Nobody could say the reason for the bloodletting, as the killers extended their offensive to Ediola community where they allegedly clubbed a native doctor to death.²⁶

Cultism

Cultists has been the major killer of youth in Nigeria killing more than the “slave trade era”. This does not mean only the Edolites. Tertiary institutions secondary both junior and senior, elementary/primary school both public and private are involved, market women and men, Christians pagans, Muslims, politician, professionals, lecturers, drivers, touts, whose in the forces and so on.

For instance in my 100 level year I in UNIBEN 2006, a final year law student who quickly wrote his last examination paper as he hurried out of the hall was gunned down by waiting gunmen he died instantly on the road, but that was a one too many, in about ten

minutes, the school has turned upside down, the lecturers and security officers vanished or locked themselves in without having time to warn others. It calmed down, only to resume with much gun fire from every angle. We were used as shield and some men were crying and saying ‘why did I come to part-time school, I left my family at home’.

When I got to UBTH, the war has spread, no going to UNIBEN and beyond no coming from UNIBEN and beyond. Those trapped used UBTH field and S&T Barrack field at Isihor. Everything was static. What a memorable day! It shook Edo State as his friend care from different institution and schools in Edo. Place has to get help before any action was taken.

Similarly, late Dr. Vincent Eebee, senior lecturer of Ken Saro Wiwa polyphonic on his way to Port-Harcourt and shot him dead along with a female student from the same polyphonic, he was trailed from the polytheism in Bori and started shooting at his vehicle after he drove past Birabi Memorial grammar School BMGS on the Bori Yeghe road.²⁷

Snipers: Their activities, it is military strategy and is very common in European countries. They’ve wiped out presidents businessmen, warlords, military officers and so on. In Lee child’s “one short” novel is example of an event of a journalist caption which read

“ ... words set agenda and the words that came to her” “... sniper is a military strategy for long range elimination of target then, long term military records shows that a modern army scores. They would have been very please about that”.²⁸

Gboko Haram (Terrorist)

This is Islamic state not wanting “western education” as a weapon to disorganize the government in achieving their agenda, they are moving battalion (army) hang a single reason

to terrorized before destroying their targets. Interview by Iyabo Aina with Mr. Eduardo Cue on the topic the rise of terrorism. “How book haram, Islamic state, other recruit fighters”.

Terrorism has ravaged the world over; with different tales to tell, leaving economic consequences and toll of death on their way. The causes of terrorism and recruitment of fighters.

“it is a combination of different factors I think one of the factors is the tremendous poverty of the world. A lot of people live in abject poverty, when there is no hope, when there is no chance of improvement in the situation, people tends to search for the alternative and terrorism perhaps gives then that alternative. And terrorist groups have been Islam and completely distort and interpret it. But a lot of young men heed the call to fighting Jihad “the Holy war” and they feel in many ways that they are value in the society that they line where they are totally alienated. They feel they are not cared for, that they have no fortune and here they are fighting for something holy, sacred and I think this is what attracts them. It is happening in the west as well, there are certain thousand Europeans who have joined the group such as ISIS and fighting in the Syrian civil war. But I think a lot of it comes from desperation in the case of Europe. Also, high unemployment is immune a durable, people believe the propaganda of these terrorist groups. Dr. Eduardo Cue speak further on the way out of the situation.

“that is a difficult question I think the way out is for people to understand that this terrorist group is exactly of terrorist group that is does not respect human lines. That it has an ideology that is insane, and that it does not represent in any shape or from the teaching of Islam. That is an abnormality and if people can come to understand, that would be one of the way out. But again the difficulty is that lots of the young people in this society have

absolutely no future, no hope, so it's a question of developing the society by easing out poverty or improving the living conditions. Book haram is making serious gains, the group will not give up until it is pushed back and that will have to be through military means.

Again, the causes of terrorism are the same whether it is Nigeria or Syria or Iraqi. But this issue is that the society should eliminate corruption to give young people hope, to improve health's and education services. When the government does respond to these basic needs of eh population, then the way is opened for extremism".²⁹

The muezzin calling the faithful to prayer in their mosques, but not as the priests had for centuries called on them to worship Allah, the one true god. Thus summons were electrically taped, transistorized and then amplified tenfold. It went out automatically without benefit of clergy.

"God is most great".

"I bear witness that there is no god but God".

" I bear witness that Muhammad is the Apostle of God".

" come to prayer, prayer is better than sleep".

... depending on who is praying and who is sleeping, also to who and with whom, linked switches clinked off the recording mechanism, and, like the priests, like their congregation like love, the machine slept.³⁰ The destruction of World trade centre 9-11-2001. Due to the activities of terrorists.

Accidents

Are unplanned events that can destroys life instantly or later, it means, a sudden occurrence beyond one's control. It can be minor or fatal, in homes, at work place ... the most statistical recorded of death is from 'trench war', earth quakes, landslides, collusion,

plane crash, burning and sinking ships, derailed trains etc global warning, multi-taskers, sports and games and so on.

Windsor blames our hectic life styles “people have a lot to do and little time to do it. So we have all become “multi-taskers”, he says” it carries over into the car as well. But driving a car requires focus, so multitaskers, put you and others in danger”.

Deadly Distractions

It might seem obvious to day “that when drivers stop paying attention to the road, even for a few seconds bad things can happen. Yet most of us admit to occasionally changing the radio station, assisting a child or programming the GPS while in motion. You look up suddenly you’re in the wrong lane or grazing the shoulder or coming up fast on a stopped car, phew that was close... Max Alexander reports from the road. A scene of accident involving a truck and Toyota.

“It was duck ... fog was rolling in as 32 year old Daniel Voutiritsa cruised up the turnpike to his home in standard on march 20,2003... He was alone but talking to his wife on a handheld cell phone. When his turn came up fast, he swerved from middle lane to the right to get off high way ... his truck hit 38 years old Zack Gaukin an editor who was headed home ... catapulted the car into the fast lane, directly in the part of a 60 foot long , 40-ton tractor trailer. Gaulkin’s widow Terri, was left to raise three small children.

Last year 2006, the nation grieved after a head on collision killed five young women on their way to a lakeside cottage in up seat New York to celebrate their recent high school graduation. Later police said cell-phone of the driver has sent and received text – messages just 38 seconds before the first 911 call reported the incident.

Super model Niki Taylor was severely injured in 2001 when her driver tried to answer a mobile cell and plunged into a utility pole. “the driver was just distracted” said the police officer. Taylor was unconscious for two months and required 40 operations”.

Also in Benin, along Lagos express road be Evidence of the Gospel Church, a bus driver on Saturday 1st of May, 2021 around 7.00am was opening his boot for a passenger to carry out her load, when another bus ram into him, pushed him under the vehicle, hooked him to the bus towing hook; he was broken and dead instantly as he was unhooked.

A Memphis Tennessee woman bottle fed her baby – who was in the backseat while a sacrament to California she student said sometimes studied for a text with open notebooks while speeding 75 mph down high way. A Phoenix driver who copped to “holding the phone with one hand, curling my hair with the other and driving using my knee. Other causes are driver changing CDs, or putting on lipstick. But NHTSA estimates that driver distractions contributes to 25 percent of all reported accidents.

Eagle Attack

Paraglide Nick Moss was attacked by eagles while paragliding it is the largest living birds, ... likely she came unhurt. She said :,... She had flown with big birds before in the Himalayas – never had she been hunted by them. The image of flying like an eagle was at the core of her love of paragliding . after all moss says “it is the closest you can actually get to being a bird”. A Chinese paraglide training for the 2007 world championship was sucked into a thunder cell and killed by a bolt of lightning”.³¹

The battle field: The trench war was between America and Japan. War Gurkha explains war in its raw state of experience battle field.

Until mortar boxes filled with earth was brought up at night to provide extra cover wiring was impossible, sanitation non-existence, dead lay everywhere in heaps in stages decomposition.

“If you can imagine men having to plug their noses and breath through their mouths because of the blood smell. You’ll have an idea how bad it was. The sergeant held his noses between his forefingers and thumbs in a gesture of utter disgust ... even the Gurks couldn’t stand the stench. Apparently the men in the forward position had been believed every hour. The strain was that bad scraggy hill seemed to fit the sergeant’s idea of what some of the first world war battle fields had been like. Broken stumps the ground scarred by trench holes, vegetation obliterated from the ridges crest.

All war a similar in the method of combating the enemies according to K.C. Cooper as he continues his narrative, the company division “A” “B” “C” “D” and so on and their formation of method of digging trenches “my first night near battalion headquarters was startling. There were distant flashes, followed by dull reports and every now and then a hasting whirr... which seemed only feet overhead. Almost immediately followed the deafening slap and clash of exploding shells. The impersonal whine and crush of the howling missile, coming from out of nowhere, left me trembling and in a cold, sweat although the night air was claiming and hot.

In every battle there is an air of urgency not to say confusion in the proceedness awkward time. In it, there must be a counter offensive getting onto the enemy’s flanks with any of the company and on sea and on air with their counter airforce. Troops combats while food, drinkable supplies, ammunitions are basic necessities in the army, refreshment of men and first aids – war clinic are dear needs.

When there is a break in battle. The wounded are quickly gathered for treatment, first aid care the wounded huddled in groups under sodden blankets or lying heads in hands, torn and a gashed with appalling injuries, some already turning gangrenous in the festering conditions.

On patrol amid tall dripping Jungle and dark menacing shadows, we heard the cries and screams of the enemies wounded. In one clearing, not far from the company position, there was a lotus pool. It was full of Jap corpses rotting, emaciating yellow hands clutching at the empty sky. Parachutes, hundreds of them, hung from the most branches of the trees. The scene were respected while the days stood still.

The battle resolved itself into a personal problem of survival, an exhausting unremitting struggle with nature itself with mud and mosquitoes and disease, with the awful loneliness of a lost world under a dripping desolation of sodden foliage... men are killed every day in any forms and weapon by the accuser and vindictive nation. It is one thing to know you are to kill another man quite a different thing to know you are to die yourself.³²

Scientific Battle (Poverty)

In “Bavaria – the inventor of the serving machine” was born in this unlikely little town and has his monument here, although he died poor and unthanked in an alm house near Vienna, having benefited nothing from his ingenuity.³³

Parental Love and Care

Parents who loves disciple, disciple their children and wards are a gift from God and a blessing to the nations, peer pressure can change our children’s destiny. Only a meticulous parent(s) can help shape the destinies of their children and of those around them for instance the children must be brought up to obedience, trust, and faith in Jesus Christ and God

Almighty with “one big roving eye” who sees, hears and knows everything. Hence the “monglais kept their kids at close to home or working in the shope. And for good reasons, two of Joe’s best friends did not make out of their teens. One died of drug over dose. The other was killed by police while robbing a liquor store Monglais recalled.³⁴

The war lords these are people stationed in Opuem business from planting to distribution of the products – opuem, cocain snow, coke heroine, gold mining taccoon and ming in general, cattle (Merchants) rearers, computer gadgets – soft and hard ware dealers (gum) they always has rivals let look at this quote.

“The works of the underworld codes has sent people to their ultimate death and still is, and will ever be” “look at you the darkness fits you like a cloak you grow into it or it grew into you”.³⁴

“At least then everything had its place sometimes suspect he’s completely baffle by the complexities and subtleties of the modern world”... Tis believe is that the birth rate is higher than the death rate at present which ought to be in population growth.

“... Kids wants to feel grown up, they want to feel important. Those who refused are set and fire”.

Head: drug as a killer, its legalization and regulation, it source and black market dealings. There is this reaction of government on drug concerning the youth the strength of this county. Militarily and economically and so on. Therefore illegal narcotics are a serious problem and serious problem demand serious answers. That is where thing break down the best way for a politician to get reelected is for him to look like he’s doing great things for the country, but not actually doing anything at all. That way everybody’s happy and nobody’s mad enough to mount an effective negative campaign. That is a cynically view of the greatest

country in the world. Some things are constraint in the universe gravity, time and the fact that drug dealers thought on their balls and not their brains.³⁵

Concerning the stoppage of drugs a reverend wanted to use the church fund to stop the manufacturing, from planting to refining and supply into the market... to stop it usage, he was advice by his body guard former DEA agent to When you think of it, all you have to do is change the mission of the DEA from confiscating drugs to dialing dealers to confiscating drugs, poisoning them, and then putting them back out on the street... at the end many people died and were still dying, the reverend became confused, could not retrieved back the poison drugs, by his man who employed his friends on the job all these from the reverend's account he shot aunt in his mouth shot and killed himself.³⁶

The reverend had good intentions, but there was no way only him can stop the production because it was not located in one location the farms. There was way a" non-governmental organization can clothe work of a government.

Mr. and Mrs. Ejemofor on the 29th of August, 2020 on opera news from Yenogoa Bayelsa, "were killed by cultist (drug addicts) terrorizing their area at Azekoro village Yenogoa, she was pregnant and already has four children, two boys and two girls.³⁷

Life Insurance Problem

This is the kind of death that can be categorized as (bought, solicited or consented) to murder and suicide choice "Mrs. Patty Day she says she wants to end it all for the survival of her four children, due to the lack of responsibility from and on the part of her husband Ruhner Day who neglected them Ben, Michelle, Debay and Libby, though he did not remarried ... she became indested to len who have her, she became frustrated in looking after and thinking of what the children will eat, clothes hand overs from senior to Junior)

education, medical bills as they are essential needs to the living. She couldn't take her life after thinking of different options she hired an assassin caluin, Deil, the Angel of Debt helped stage people death to kill her for the children, to get the insurance money to take care of their needs. She left an after death note. Agreed \$2,000, paid N812. As the assassin was killing her, and simultaneously somebody else was killing her senior daughter who was ten years old, and the assassin killed her second daughter who came to inform her that somebody was hurting her sister unknown to her that her sister was being choked to death and her 15 year old brother was watching, his pregnant girlfriend. Reason for mother death she wanted her children to receive her death insurance unknown to her that her son has impregnated a loose who has manipulated him and want to do away with the three siblings for her boyfriend and herself and their unborn child to inherit the insurance money.

In the end only the boy and the last daughter survived, but the boy was imprisoned because he refused to give his girlfriend up to the police and he law... later the last daughter used the insurance money on a lawyer, the lady was caught the child a girl was hidden in a home the lady did not confessed but.³⁸

Lunacy Psychiatric

Another, most deadly and incurable but manageable illness is lunacy which affects the reason faulty of the patients. They behave in mysterious and irrational way spans across the globe and can affect all ages and professionals, kings, presidents, lecturer farmers commercial drivers, student and so on are affected many have killed their parents, wife siblings, colleagues, neighbours. It has different names for instance, president, resident, V.I.P. and so on. They can be very violent and destructive.

Someone wants their wellbeing and interest at heart he also had the welfare and care therefore he stood and speak for their good worldwide.

“Another great work of Shaftesburg’s was the improve treatment of lunatics. As a lunacy commissional for the greater part of his life; he was largely responsible for showing up the terrible conditions in both public and private asylums, and he constantly strove to abolish such inhumanities as chaining up, overcrowding insanity quarters and unjustified certification. He wages a ceaseless war against neglect and cruelty in every form, and no one did more to enforce the vital principle of public inspection or control.³⁹

Old Age

One is given birth to nurtured to maturity married, have children nurtured them give them good education, worked, retired as you draw your pay monthly, yearly, old age is knocking on your life door one gradually becoming spent, withering like the leaves on the tree branches, turning yellowish, reddish, dark brown very light brown (earth) colour, then a light breeze blows it to the earth to form manure for new plant or it young to be nurtured...

This is the reason why I hold dear this novelist words he says-

“Old age become one’s bedmate without one’s quite knowing how it got into the house” “old age and disease fell even the mightiest cryptomerian in the forest. But before they do, they transform one’s perception. You might ask yourself how one as young as I might know, my father died of “lung cancer” perhaps from living on the ... polluted industrial areas, perhaps, from other environmental pollutants of our age”.⁴⁰

Illness transforms one, they needs our care our relatives when they are ill and unable to fend for themselves any long, when old age and all its symptoms assails our hearts and memories when we begins to behave like children then death come to begins to play around

like the eagle, the hawk the lion, tiger cats of all species like the earth worth awaiting their turn to feed on the human's remain ... The only profit of mankind in this world is love your neighbours, do good to all men so we can live in their memories. Some people do not love themselves never contented with what God has given them they "seeks alternatives, seek ye first the kingdom of God and every other thing will be added".

Burn fire

Every day people get burnt, either from bush fire industrial, home, electrical, oil spillage, fireworks, vehicles, gas and other kind of fires. The one that kills most number is the fuel tanker inflammable the tanker collides or summersaults spill it contain and the fire becomes unquenchable the fuel running miles caring everything on it way lives and properties are destroyed within an hour.

Miscellaneous

Other cases of death can be grouped into the miscellaneous category for lack of time and space to discuss them.

Finally, as the issue of birth, marriage and death ceremonies are continuous the world over in international relations, there must always be one or two things to celebrate in a family at a time. Many people has affected lives, they lives on the living's memories. This will take us to the next chapter in which the roles of ICT in graves, burial rites will be discussed.

Literature review

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In this book Kahlil talks about the human way of life culture and the living as human experiences in the living of day to day and the man's own subjects of the living from birth to death and the giving of farewell speech. The request to be re-born re-incarnation. Some subjects treated by him are on love on marriage, children giving, eating and drinking, work birth, joy and sorrow houses, clothes, buying and selling, crime and punishment... death and farewell and burial.

2. Akenfield: portrait of an English Village. Ronald Blythe Penguin Books, Great Britain 1969, "the hour of death" by William Russ-Gravedigger"

This book is a life saver and is a technical book concerning the different cultures and traditions from village setting of farming agriculture to warfare, churches and services, all professions, jobs and works, religion add all methods of farming, about the neighbours and their lives. The gravedigger's narratives on life, planting of a seed, likened to the burying in the earth of a human being; the method of burying the dead kinds burying graves, vaults, graveyards.

3. Churchyard, cemeteries, public and private (earth) natural burial and crematoria. The head stones, grave stone, monuments and memorial untended native of graves and abandonment "forgotten attitude of relation after the burial of the deceased.

The far west frontier 1830-1860 by Ray Allen Billington Harper Touch books. The university library publishers New York and Evanston, 1962 "mormons moves west wards".

This book concern western frontiers. The latter day saints, "mormons" not "mormon" in the title chapter. Page "mormons moves west ward. They change the waste isolated land as the moved from eastern part of Mexico after the victory in "Mexican war" sought a region so inhospitable and isolated that they would not be wanted by no one else because of

persecution, so that they could line in the desert zion and live their lives and worship their God But prophet Joseph Smith and his brother were myrthed by a mob of two hundred anti-mormons.

4. The last dance, encountering death and dying Lynne Ann Despelder, Albert Lee Strickland published by McGraw Hill, New York, 2005. The encourages readers to engaged in constructive process of self-discovering, the value of compassion, listening tolerance for views, of others. The activities of deaths in the world the people's beliefs, sicknesses, diseases terminal diseases, rioting and chaos, killings, caring for the ill, the aged, the bereaved the orphans and many other issue on the end of life. Major and minor causes of death, church deaths to prove a point, murder and so on. The death of a sibling and parent(s), spouse... Wills and inheritances, death benefit, burial, graves, head stones, grave stances, vaults cemeteries, churchyard, graveyards, monuments and memorials some African burials rites and culture and traditions. The impact and importance of burial heritage ... death looking for next to kill continuously.
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The black African slaves in the American south plantation also had burial rites, a culture and tradition which follow them to the Americas – the land of their enslavement where they worked (slaved) in plantations some became personal home slaves of their masters house hood. When any of them died they gives such a befitting burying lurching them safe journey to their ancestor land, they celebrate the dead night burials were kept as the tradition/ culture of the black back home in Africa they kept birth and marriage rites. These

traditions were overseen by the chief priests who keep these traditions, he became law and punisher.

6. Thucydides: History of the Peloponnesian war, “translated with an introduction by Rex Warner Penguin Books Published Richard Company Ltd, Great Britain, 1916.

Book two: chapter four Pericles’ funeral speech.

The Athenians also have their most wonderful burial rites and traditions, cultures and belief systems and national “memorial for the fallen in war” and “the fallen in plague” that visited them suddenly claiming more lives like the “COVID 19” than the war with Sparta and their other rival neighbours. There is a courageous and fearless nation. Comparable, like the Bini kingdom in Edo State, bold, fearless, courageous, intelligent, hospitable, accommodating full of wisdom and principally carriage.

7. The little men, K.C. Cooper, New English library published in Great Britain by Robert Hale & Co, first paperback edition 1973.

In the army of any country, the experiences are similar and with differences information, in the topography of the kinds, the courage of the people, the war concerns Americans and the Japanese soldiers in their “Trench warfare” with their superiors and inferiors weapons of combating rival forces ... and the matter of survival and the basic needs and necessity and refreshment of men in every battle there is an air of urgency and confusion, counter offences, courage and the cases of death and methods of burial of the dead.. the atrocities of the army officer. The floating city, a Nicholas Linear Novel Eric Lustbader. Harper Collins publishers, published in Great Britain, 1994.

8. Is talking about the government and the gaps that it create, the activities of the non-state actors, the war-lords and the scientists and the terrorists. The missing Kaisho,

head of the Yakuza company. The investigation on the theft of vital secret of new generation computers that he is developing by Nicholas. "The floating city" is not actually a name of any city framed, see this conversation.

"you'r not from floating city" "No" Tachi said. "we want to stop what's going on inside it". "Then you don't know" "the truth is we've come to findout". "The truth is important, I find that these days nothing else has meaning" "it is the truth" Nicholas said... just how powerful is this 114 m? "A fusion reaction, four square city blocks.

This conversation show that there is a plot against a man and the entire country to other cities round about. The work of terrorists, death and much death and burial of entire nations envisage by these terrorists.

9. Funeral rites across different cultures, section nine critical incidents. April 2008. The way people relates to death, rituals and belief, it varies rituals contains fundamental cultural and traditional values with different symbols – the symbol of death, the significance of colour, funeral customs and death related ritual. The Buddhists beliefs and practices, Christian beliefs and practices, Hindus cremation customs and rites, humanists belief and practices, humanist funeral ceremonies, Jewish funeral customs and beliefs about death, Muslim burial customs and rites Sikh cremation customs and rites...

10. Nansee et al/social media. In the funeral industry 85. On the memorial which is "peaceful" "dignified" and "comforting" in doing so these dedicated memorial sites themselves as being more sensitive to the specific contexts of death and memorialization. Than platform like face book.

Pdf books briefing cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds section nine critical incidents April 2008.

In the 19th century was envisaged as public open spaces to attract visits, the environmental benefits unrealized, the Jews and Muslims have separate cemeteries in UK the dominant form of funerary rite in the UK is cremation accounting for 72 percent of all disposals not just by choice but by absence of local accessible, well managed cemeteries with available burial space. Natural burial is growing in popularity for environmental reasons, though most natural burial sites are still provided with existing public cemeteries. Many historic cemeteries, now full, have become neglected, though they may well contain buildings, artifacts and landscape of great heritage value and interest. It explains types of burial sites the legal status of burial grounds, summary statistics regarding cemeteries, burial cremations, and the burial of cremated remains, the heritage value of burial grounds. Contemporary benefits of burials ground current concern health and safety, burial ground within the wide green space the need for separate national cemeteries strategies, the need for local authority cemetery strategies... funding for improvements.

11. The Reader's Digest, The Second Edition, October 2007. Editor-in-chief, Jacqueline

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Is a magazine dealing from different segments and subjects headed by different journalists and editors, contributors – accidents caused by deadly distraction by max Alexander – we snack, talks on cells, even shared, apply makeups, change CDS, smoke, drinks, change pampers, put on our clothes, brushing of teeth while driving on high speed. These causes accidents on the highways, claims lives due to these reasons and others – drivers fault, bad roads networks, natural disasters, “flood” nick of time” by Gary sledge as

Asia was experiencing of the worst monsoon in decades. India and Bangladesh were hit by flooding on an unbelieving scale. And “Eagle Attack by Nick Hadley” I was never so relieved to reach the ground “it’s the closest you can actually get to being a bird? And the death of a Chinese paraglide training for 2007 world championship sucked into a thunder cell and killed by a bolt of lightening

12. The daily newspapers. Sunday Vanguard, October 19, 2014, as Nigeria becomes virus Free tomorrow. 15 days of Ebola survivors horrors in isolation centre! Interviewers – by Chioma Obinna and Gabriel Olawale, interviewees – chief medical director, first consultants hospital, Dr. Benjamin Ohiaeri, and the Ebola survivors, Dr. Ada Igonoh and Dr. Akinniyi Fadipe.

Igonoh – I was determined to survive

Dr. Fadipe “ I think when I contacted the disease was when I opened the door to the room where sawyer Patrick was admitted ...compliance with doctor’s instruction was the only way out. I also consult it for writing on “the rise of Gboko Haram, Islamic State, others recruit. Fighters, by Iyabo Aina on her interview with Mr. Eduardo cue ... terrorism does n’t respect human lines. Killer gang runs wild I Rivers by Jimitota Onoyume.

“A source said gangsters practically descended on the Zion Nwoka family and snuffed life of five of the family members, masseuse a native doctor, then the late Dr. Vincent Eebee a senior lecturer of Ken Saro Wiwa Polytechance... this was in “Niger Delta Voice” A publication of vanguard media Ltd, Vol. 1, No/. 90, Tuesday May 10, 2016.

CHAPTER TWO

THE ROLE OF ICT ON GRAVE, CEMETERIES BURIAL RITE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Introduction

Thus chapter is a continuation of chapter one, the previous chapter, which introduced the major causes of death and the others not touched individually are categorized as miscellaneous, not that they are not a major cause, some are more frequent and carries more death tolls than others that are frequent but the death toll is scanty. In this chapter we shall be looking at the roles of (ICT) information and communication technology, electricity roles in burial.

Graves and burial are daily occurrences, like birth and marriage which are celebrated by humans communities in the universe, it is universal in nature. Social, cultural, traditional, spiritual religious, economical, environmental emotional psychological again as a traditional practice of all mankind.

What is a Grave

The grave as defined by the English dictionary as – an excavation in the earth as a place of interment, a tomb, a sepulcher, death, destruction.⁴¹

Definitely after death comes the burial lying-in-state with all the accessories flower, cakes decorations, refreshment the gravedigger, undertakers, event planners, musicians, DJs, MCS, video-cameral-man, photographer, clubs, cultural groups, some (rent) mouners, layers to read ‘wills’ and state the chosen place of burial either village or town cemetery, burial ground cremation. There must be the next of kin.

There is the role of the family which cannot be over emphasized, families makes community, then local government state and country, which interacts with other countries. Their relationship enable certain privileges of negotiation and exchange of diplomats their chief are the head of states of the individual countries. This relates to the living and the dead of a country so that the dead of a country "A" can be carried, fly, shipped back to their country for proper burial as tradition demand such person are prominent individual like the former heads of states and ministers and other citizens who demand relating brings their corpse back home. These prominent trans-national figures are influential people needing decent and proper, most times flamboyant, elaborate burial. That is why the roles of ICT is very important in burial are monies. Some concepts need to be explain as they relates to this topic these are international relation. This is the relationship between states in international relations it is between independent sovereign states with it own define territories, government, people, integrity military power to withstand but internal and external aggressions with the ability to entene into association in the international states system. It is the actual relations between the heads of states of other countries, the ability to reject association nation.

According to Bruce Russett et all "nationalism refers to the complex set of psychological, cultural and social forces that drives the formation of nation, the development of concept and reality of the state is similarly complex. Historically, as we shall see state building occurred in Europe over a period of several hundred years before 1648, when the "Treaty" of westpleaha was signed in the end of the thirty years war between the catholic and protestant churches kings and princesses extended their central authority are territories that had formerly been disconnected Hodge Podge of feudal fiefdoms, centralization and

consolidation continued throughout Europe until world War I. Each group that identified itself as a people sought representation through the “state – a legal entity consisting of a government that manages the affairs of a population in a given territory.”⁴²

Nation Palmer and Perkins gave its definition as aggregate of people having like institutions and customs and a sense of social homogeneity and mutual interest. Thus several nations may be present in one state and a nation may extend across and beyond the border of a state which is a legal entity. It is a social cultural term. The state, nation, country have different meanings but are used interchangeably by writers and researchers.⁴³

Diplomacy the states and non – state actors employ means of interactions. This is the use of diplomacy as a tool for negotiation and settling of disputes. Therefore, diplomacy as defined by Sir Ernest Satow “is the application of intelligence and tact to the conduct of official relations between the government of independence states.

There are different diplomats, attaché diplomats are connected to technical aspects. They must be eyes and ears of their governments (principal) in other countries, he executes the policies of his own country, to protect its interests and its nationals in other countries and keeps his government informed of major developments in the rest of the world. Other functions are as an interpreter, representation, negotiation, reporting, protection of the interests of the nations and of its citizens in foreign lands.⁴⁴

A diplomat therefore is a spy and a killer indulging in espionage activities, they can kill, have killed and can be and have been killed in the past and till date. Those used for espionage activities – professional in all fields ministers, military personnel musicians actors and actresses, pressmen, prostitutes all force personnel.

For instance the role of the diplomats and the role of ICT which exposed the activities of the xenophobia actions of south Africa, Togolese while the heads Nigerians who reside in these countries were chopped of, some stoned to death, some sets oblazed till they died in the “Giant”.

Another instance is that of a Bulgarian diplomat, read this as I quote-

“.... Steinman met a Bulgarian diplomat in Porto Santo, Stephano a man anxious to stay in western Europe where he had a delightful Italian mistress, a man who knew the key figures in the Chinese network of espionage and subversion that help to keep chaos alive in Africa after the colonial power withdrew...” also read “ ... they will tell you what you want to hear because they think you will tip them more. They have no faith, no honour they are like during – beetles”.

The reasons for transnationalism, the post-world war II have also tended to erode the traditional dominance of states in the international scene. One basic factor which defines the sovereignty of a state is military power, use to protect its citizens from internal and external subversion. It has been weakened by two development by the state to a monopoly of military power.

One, invention of nuclear weapons this has eliminated state’s protection from abroad. Two- the emergence of Guerilla warface as a counterforce against the superior state force to unleash violence without receiving any in return.

Nuclear weapons have diminished the ability of state to control its military destinies in protecting its citizens from external attacks. This ability of state protections had given rise to and increased role for non-sate participants who have come in to supplement the activities of states in international system.

This approaches of the international community with various special interest. Their participation has been occasioned by need or gap on the sheer power some of them can muster.⁴⁵

Negotiation – use as a tool in international relations to settle dispute between warring parties. Hence state has many rivals of its own. Therefore this negotiation, this interpersonal or intergroup, process can occur at a personal level, as well as a corporate or international (diplomatic level).

Negotiation typically take place because the parties wish to create some thing new that matter could do on his or her own, or to resolve a problem or dispute between them; the parties acknowledge that there is some conflict of interest between them and think they can use some form of influence to get a better deal, rather than simply taking what the other side will voluntarily give them. They prefer to search for agreement rather than fight openly, give in or break of contact.⁴⁶

Like the state they have rivals of their own, and these rivals can only act on the gap(s) left unattended by the governments for instance “the EndSars protesters sponsored by the NGOs and non-states actors and prominent individuals. But negotiation between government and protesters resolved the issue by it decrees and declaration of curfew 4pm-6am, then subsequently 6am-6pm and a permanent lock down of ‘covid 19’ epidemic.

The Role of ICT

The lifelong discovery of “Electricity” has brought great industrial revolution which impacted on the social, political, religious educational, military, cultural and traditional life of the people of the world. It enable information technology to function and information to be disseminated to the appropriate quarters and the world in general.

The 19th signally across space was revolution zed by a number of developments with “electricity” with consequences which has transformed the modern world. 20th century the electricity was a great convenience to everyone from cabinet ministers to weekend visitors who which to send a message in a hurry with electrically control telephones and its general effects on business and social life was not, however, important as that of the telephone, invented by Graham Bell in 1815, the telegraph and telephones used in the first world war.⁴⁷ 21st century, ICT has taken a new and very fast dimension, the speed of which the internet applications are applied with quick results are awesome.

Communication has been defined by various researchers and scholars, such as Roy J. Lewickee et al, said in reference to putman and poole (1987) as “... the activities of having or managing a conflict occur through communication undergrads the setting and reforming of goals, the defining and announcing of conflicts issues, the developing of relationship between disputants and among constituents , the selecting and tactics: the generating”. Communications is also the attacking and defending of alternative solutions and the reaching and confirming of agreements. Communication has impacted in the international system (relations in both tangible and intangible aspects (hard and software services)⁴⁸

The visual telecommunication came about in 1922 ... all the competing interest to become British Broadcasting company and commercial television 1954 its proves to be a benefit most dependent on the quality of the programs and extent of individual’s addiction.⁴⁹ The mass media, radio or the wireless transmission of speech was soon to invade homes with good results 1913 by C.S. Franklin, it brought untold benefit to shipping, revolutionized the conduct of war and linked up the most distant pats of the globe with information. The paper mills, the paper making industry enable a part of communication. Messages inform of letters,

newspapers, magazines, and books etc to be printed, to reach the masses, to enables the photographers to print out images from their cameras as illustration and evidence of events to reach millions of people in distant lands. Envelop making, typing of letters and memos; by industries, firms, establishment, institutes; for keeping and sending information and records keeping in achieves for research referencing purposes.

ICT enables heads of states to communicate secretly and freely and speedily what would have taken months take just a few minutes consequently the roles of the Ambassadors and tempting political leaders are reduced.

ICT enables the activities of those in the acting industries and Art work to be known and appreciated and even those of the sign writer or graphic designers ICT impact on institution and governance in international relation.

The roles of ICT in negotiation the ban on the land mines resulted in the Ottawa's treaty of May 2009.

ICT reveals that the NGOs are powerful enough to block government's actions for instance. Environmental NGOs and labour unions joined to disrupt, government attempts to launch WTO's round in Seattle in November, 1999.

ICT roles in enabling the world to know of the role played by the Lagos state APC governor during the EndSars protests. The protest was peaceful, at Lekki toll gate in Lagos state. The 55 years old Governor Babajide Sanwo Olu gave order and called the army to on 20th of October, 2020 to shoot the peaceful protesters who were enhanced in the dark, therefore they drove away. ICT exposes the great injustices done to them and their families and Nigerian in general and the world at large.⁵⁰

ICT enable the world to know of the activities of the terrorists and their recruitment. The world over and in Nigeria, the wiping out of the over four hundred rice farmers in the north so that Nigerian can depend more and more on the expensive stone rice from Niger and Hadian rice a god and viable strategy theirs is. ICT helps, empower youth to get jobs work with the hard and soft wares.

ICT helps, empower the spread of announcement of event both natural and unnatural phenomenon in history and also well announce future or later events. The death of a stateman or prominent individual like Nigeria president Umaru Yar'adua, group of people and the events which led to their death are announce via ICT gadget newspapers magazine, radio, television, GSM hand set and their applications, like face book, whataspp, teleconferencing etc and phone-call and text messages and condolences can be sent. The event day of burial, the time the venue are announce so that family, friends, associates, colleagues, neighbours and communities can know of such death and also of the burial.

This day remote control drones are used for recording of large events and sent life to the families resident abroad to participate as if they are present and contribute to the event. It also spreads the activities of non-state actors in the international relations (system) that, without it their activities would never be able to spread from it local environment to cross border(s) communication creates awareness of the various groups and their activities by information gathered from other countries before formation of its branch in such a county acting on the gap(s) and issues of needs in such country(ies) as in line with their own stipulations of their various organization's aims and goals, of the various modern information technology.

This is in line with the African concept of burial, informing the members of its communities concerning their cultural or traditional way of burial.

Graves and grave digger activities

What is a grave, why should grave be made for the dead in intention relations? Grave has already be define as an excavation in the earth as a place of burial also, any place of internment, a tomb, a sepulcher, death destruction, certainly if there is a grave there is a dead body to be put in the grave and buried, who had died from any causes many material can be used to cover wear, wrap put on the body as a last apparel, gloves gowns, socks wedding gown, wedding suits and white clothe in some cases the clothes on which the deceased died on, either police navy and other uniformed personnel or those who died in earth quakes land slides and so on those who are on retrievable are left in their death position while the retrievable are either, massed buried or singly buried (unknown soldier) with their memorial and holidays all over the world called “army remembrance day”.

I have read of a soldier who was buried in his trench by bomb blast but the arm was still outside waving good bye and any army officer who passed by the place will shake it. Wooden coffins, brass, gold, silver, mats white clothe are used to buried the dead mats and white clothe are always used by traditionalist to wrapped up the dead for burial with a without coffin according to such tradition and culture of the family and community.

Kings and types of Graves

There are different kind and types of coffin colors and grave normal are measure 6ft by 6ft length and depths children are not expect to be buried in coffins. The different kind of coffin has different prices and importance attached to them and their colours has different significance.

As the patient died he/she becomes a deceased; those who dies in the hospitals are taken by the porters to the morgue in the covered carriage or trolley to the morgues all over the world, after been certified dead by the doctor. While those whose relations want immediate movement to proximity are processed dead patient are often embalmed to prevent rotting and stench, to preserved the body for burial in the case of no immediate burial arrangement.

Muslims do not allows their dead to be taken to the mortuary. They move corpses for burial immediately no matter the hour of death. They are not immediately after death certificate they are only concerns with the burial their neighbours can perform the burial rite on behalf of the relatives.

After forty days the children, when the children comes home or around, the real burial will then be done by the children by this time it is said “the flesh and skin has palled away from the bone or skeleton. They use white cloth and mats for burying their dead religious tradition.

The Christian burial requires the doctor certify dead and they has burial mass, uses coffin, lying-in-state, wedding gown and socks, gloves, nail are used to dressed the dead in the coffin which is displayed before the congregation. Insences are used by the catholic church.

The Christians leaves their dead in the mortuaries all over the world, the corpse can spend up to 3 years or at any length of time depending on the children and family decision. The plagued as humanists use market day for the burying of their dead and for marriage and naming ceremonies of new born in the family as a tradition all these are celebrated.

No wonder in F. Scot Fitzgerald's "the ice palace" reference have been made of the south as "you southerners put quite an emphasis on family and all that not that it is not quite all right, but you'll find it a little different here ... but writers speaks of the south as been tragic "No the northern races – they don't indulge in the cheering luxury of tears"⁵¹

The Undertakers and (paid) Mourners

This people are everywhere, every day, people dies and are buried the place of the mourners, and undertaker have become international. They have diverted to different area and culture in the mortuaries around the South, East West and in the northern part partial. They have all patricianly left the suits for the native attires of the disease the suits are left for those lying in state or Christian burial mass in churches and the different denominations around the globe.

The death of a human being is likened to the poet observation "... so much of poetry is oblation and he putting of the seed into the ground is also a religious rite – perhaps the oldest religious rite that there is like the rest of the villagers, I grow not only for myself but to give away, this is important all country's gardeners do this.

This narrative is like death, birth and marriage and death again which is recycling I also observed that death is like drops of raindrops on a glass louver or windscreen when or that dissolves into different shapes, that is death comes to all mankind in different ways, circumstances, shapes, method, norm judgment - conviction, rituals, choices, family decision, communicational ===== traditions, abandonment, loneliness and isolation and betrayals, back stabbers, propagandas activities espionage dishonesty stealing – sacrificial death like Jesus Christ who laid his life for us all and God the father who gave us his beloved son that who so ever believeth in him (repent) should not perish but have everlasting life.⁵²

Jesus Christ like Adam and Eve and Abel have graves. But Jesus Christ resurrected from the grave, tomb the third day and defeated death (grave).⁵³

Lecturers who have died lives on in the students, reader, researchers, colleagues and general publics hearts and memories as their “graves” for continual remembrance of the good knowledge not the “propaganda” or “treason” that they have master minded in this Edo State that they impacted on the general public.

As for parental are a man taught his son to kill, according to the son... some wise guy has gotten out of line, passed comments, about my father in pubic so he was to be killed in pubic in the restaurant that was his favourite place, where he felt most secured, he said.

Leonforte was having a very serious discussion with croaker a detective... they were both interested in same someone. “I will tell you something that may shock you. We have someone in common Dominic Goldoni we are both obsessed by him. “maybe you think I’m full of shit, but if so, you better give the subject another think, let me tell you something about myself my father, Johnny, God rest his soul, was a man from the old school. What do I mean by that? He was heroic, bigger than life. He was interested in the elemental things in life: money, influence, respect. He also fucked a lot. He took me to abrothel when I was twelve, it was tradition, he watched while me and the whore got it on maybe he wanted to instruct me, maybe he just got off on it, who the fuck knows? But from that moment on he considered meanman. Inside of six months he had put a gun in my hand and was training me to shoot, load, break it down even in the dark, very military in some ways, my father.

Anyway, it was all fucking preparation for what? Making my bones, “you ain’t a man if you don’t make your bones,” the old man used to say “and if you ain’t a man, you’re nothing. He had a fucking, point, I’ll tell you, Leonfore sippered my wine saviouring. It as

fully as the tale he was spinning, so it was my father who told me to kill. Some wise guy had gotten out of line, passed comments about my father in public. So he was to be killed in public in the restaurant that was his favourite place where he felt most secure. I was just thirteen then, you understand, but my childhood was already a thing of the past. It's what my father wanted, it's what I wanted. Leonfort looked at croaker for a moment. 'I know you've killed men in your time, but I expect you found it difficult I did not. It was like I was a messenger of God, like angels sang on my shoulder Bam! Wham! Blood and brains and clam sause all over the fucking place, people. Screaming, the fucking guy's friends open-mouthed or vomiting out – right. Christ, the sense of power was like nothing else in the world. And you know something, I wanted to whack them all, everyone at the table, like they were infected because of their association with him. But I controlled myself, dropped the gun and walked out through the madhouse...

"I will make a statement' the old man said to this man's friend and everyone else, they will get the point. Therefore, he said ... blood and brans and clan sause all over the fucking place, people screaming, the fucking guy's friends open mouthed or vomiting out right Christ the sense of power was like nothing else in the world. And you know something I wanted to whack then were infected because of their association with him. But I controlled myself, dropped the gun and walked out through the mad house.

At this age twelve years he proved his father's point and his own, he was able to control himself and the situation so that the shooting did not escalates. People are always wanting to prove themselves. At that age he was taught how to sleep with prostitutes by his (master) father, he never know how to be a boy, he became a man suddenly.

This is for those who thinks inequity is very easy and geniuses has been killed for their ingenuity they are hated for their guts and they think they are moron's cleverer than them to keep them at bay... he thwarted me every time I tried to go beyond a contain geographical point” never heard from him directly, there was never even a hint of a confrontation. But in one state a deal fell through due to a convenient change in a local regulation ... says this narrator now how the fuck did he do that? Inquiry mind want to know, and my mind is exceedingly inquiring”.

This inquiry will led to more death sometimes to more international crisis and total death without graves or burials rites performed. International hostilities will rear ups... men crave power and women crave men who are powerful, men intimidating men that are less powerful, men intimidating men that are less powerful” and women using their evil influence over men”.

Manipulating bring in death to many ... everybody, here and there people meet with threat of death- “ Now you work for me now continuing shadowing and find out what she knows and bring the secret you are gonna give all the because you work for me now”.

“What is I say no” he reply

“Then I will put a bullet through... your brains”.

This kind of threat goes everyday, sometimes death, fatality follows. Often times “even the most rational of people, chosa knew could be completely baffled by their love and desperate hope for their offspring”.

In the same vein lack of tolerance affects marriages “all marriages goes through their bad patches. It's just that, in the end, some breakup and others don't.

The work of the underworld lords has sent people to their ultimate death and still is, and will ever be ...” also this poem from Walsall in old picture about death from natural extrovert.

“I live I know not how long,
I die I know not when,
Must I go I know not whither,
I wonder that I so joyful be.”⁵⁴

Death can come by activities of said==== killer, this has chained many lives especially in European countries Including the causes of death rate is still higher than the birth everywhere in the world.⁵⁵

First were simpers, and senseless slaying. The alliteration was purely instinctive so was the banality. But slaying was how Ann Yanni saw it. And slaying was a great world. It communicated the randomness, the wantomness, the savagery, the forecity. It was a motiveless and impersonal work. It was exactly the right word for the story. At the same time she knew it would not work for the caption below the picture, massacre would be better there. Friday night massacre? Rush hour massacre she ran for the door and hope her graphic guy would come up with something along those lines unbidden”.⁵⁶

Grave abound everywhere but it is important to control spread of disease or epidemic. Many things are buried with the corpses some of these are personal effects several, money, dairy, gold, silver necklaces of all kinds and shapes, idols instrument of work and tools. “As implied in the root meaning of tradition to hand down, the way we coped with are not created from this air, each generation receive culture from the one preceding, alters it a bit and pass it on.”⁵⁷ The clan containing the echoes of the dead ancestors and the living”⁵⁸

This is why the activities of the grave robbers are continuous and fetching as these articles or items are exhumed many things of importance to museums are already displayed for tourists attraction and for anthropologists and researcher for instance the Egyptians mummy and mummification of their pharaohs as buried along with them and their most loyal servant, so that in another world he can use them. In Benin some years ago a grave that was built, tiled with alumaceo door and window with keys, one early morning on this faithful day a man was seen trapped inside the grave room he was trying to come out. People raised alarm the key was with the senior son they had to break into the grave and retrieved the grave robber; when interviewed on how he got there; the Urhobo man said he was part of those who built the tomb. But he used magic and charm at night to enter the grave but he could not finish his work, that is his purpose and dawn came, he was trying to hide but no space. The police was called and he was taken away.

The Gravedigger

He will look at the narration of this Akenfield gravedigger and his profession according to “William Russ,” Tender is a monopolist and pluralist. He amalgamates graveyards and pounces on cemeteries. Although there has been little or no competitors for this great accumulations of burial grounds, tender has a right to feel unique and powerful, privilege and indispensable. He has buried 60B people in thirty different churchyards since 1961 and keeps his records of where they lie and how they lie” and this is only the work of his maturity. Before this mortuary climax, there were decades of interring’s. Tender has never had a day’s holiday, never missed a church service or a Sunday and also never missed an opportunity to carry on his rancorous love hate debate with his God. The clergy and the quick. The dead are exempt from his fury and he is on their side against the living. He has all

their names in an address book continued out of shelf paper and bulldog clip. The young and the old, the rich and the poor are listed in violent pencil at first, and in biro latter, “the work incredulously hard and with great independence, travelling from village to village on a moped to the carrier of which is tied a gleaming spade and fork ... for he is a furious person... they know they are seeing time winged chariot with a two stroke”.

When people need tender, they need him badly, and will make much of him because of this. The need over they avoid him or is that he avoids them?

“He is a religious man who is listening for God in a hurricane. There used to be certainties but now the parson says they are n’t so certain after all. The bible itself has whirled past him a mocking paper case of discarded views. Almost – everyday he hears about the “resurrection of the body” as he wait tack fully behind a tree, filling – in spade covered with a sack. Most days he is left alone with the new dead the pity of it all! The muddle of it all! Automatic birds – scares go of in the pea-fields like minutes guns. Something has gone wrong very wrong.

“Why tender”?

“ Oh that’s not his real name, he inherited it from his father we call him tender because of his father, but that’s not his name.

Most gravediggers learn from old or experiences men. When he was twelve year old “ I dig grave before my voice broke”... I used to bury Guinea- pigs, rabbits, all sorts of things he continues, I had about fifty rabbits and when one died I would make a coffin for it, get my choir surplice from the church vestry and read the burial service over it so burying was in my blood from a child. I never wanted to do anything else grave are my vocation”...

Since 1918 I was the legal sexton when I was thirteen and I'll buried damn – near the whole of the village, every one of them”

The reason for Funeral

People do not want to part with their dead. When my father Imadonmuyi Olihi died, I, Nekpen was there by his bedside, I played my part, I waited for him to wake up I begged him not to die, I was crying, he was calling his father Odihi and his grand-father, these ancestors I told my brothers about his burial request. We felt lost I didn't want him to be buried. I told them not to embalm him that he will wake up. They said let him go and rest I asked God why, why, why ----- this and that; why not this, why not that It seem to be endless question.

This is the reason tis grave digger said “so far as funeral are concern, we've gone from one extreme to the other. Bodies used to be kept in the house for twelve days everyone kept the bodies at home for as long as they could then, they did not care to part with it, you see. No they can get it out quick enough, they did not like hurrying about anything when I was young, particular about death. They were afraid that the corpse might still be alive that was the reason for hanging onto it.

Reason for Post Mortem

It has become part of the tradition of death to know the cause or reason for a death medically, surgically and scientifically in this modern era, doctor require for it to used for study, research, knowledge and treatment of other patients with similar condition and for collection of statistics of such causes. Sometimes, family request for it they want to know the cause of their parent death statistics are use for planning but some people still rejects this procedure.

People have a post mortem now it is all settle within the hour but there is no doubt that years ago there went a rare lot of folks who got buried alive when a sick man pass on the doctor was told, but he never came to look at the corpse. He just wrote out the death certificate. People always made a point of leaving an instruction in their wills to have a vain cut just to e on the safe said he continued thee was old Micah Hibble near Framingham, he was laid out for dead three times he was actually in his dead three times he was actually n his coffin and waiting for the funeral to begin. When I washed, ‘anyone for a last look before he’s screwed down? There was this usual nuisance pushing his way through the mourners and saying “yes, I do!... anyway when this man looked he saw that Micah had moved. Well he recovered! He reckoned he saw Heaven and Hell. He lived for years after. Another old lady at Wickham market and she was in three different coffins. They called her cheat the grave at cast.⁵⁹

If God did not called one, he will always make a way. Having discussed the various people and professions, the processes and procedures carried at by doctors, and the people who cheated the graves. We will introduce the next chapter concerning the African culture, traditions, normal culture, religious and the different ways burial are performed in Nigeria and African and the diaspora.

CHAPTER THREE

AFRICAN METHOD OF BURIAL

Introduction

Having look at chapter two in which the roles of ICT on burial, grave, cemeteries and burial rites, tradition, culture and some concepts in international relations system, medical procedures and old age were discussed.

This chapter will discuss the African method of burial around the globe and the traditional rites observed throughout generations to generations which make the Africans, Africans in upholding their culture and tradition, we are unique and a peculiar people and a royal nation and continent.

In the African tradition, culture, social culture, norms and religion there are different ways in which burials ceremonies are perform, depending on the belief and economic prowess of the deceased body family, and the deceased position in his society. Burials can be elaborate and non-elaborate western culture.

In the Bini tradition in the past, the burial cannot take place unless the senior son legitimate or illegitimate is present, burial are not done in absential on behalf of the living senior son as the case may be. But these day presently, in the case of a senior son travelled, the family will await his home coming. But there is an exception in the case of a senior son that travel and could not come back due to no green card, resident permit passport etc. the corpse could remain embalmed in the morgue or at home with expert care and management. Otherwise he will be buried and the rites will be performed later when the son comes this also applies to little children of a decease who don't have help in completing the buried of their parents when they are grown up and are financially buoyant and can foot the bills it will

be done. This practices also applies to the south, east and western parts of Nigeria and to the divers tribes, clans in her.

According to Lynne and Albert the insight associated with the traditions of another time or place cannot simply be lifted from one society and place into another, quits different society. Thus, in considering how to create or enact meaningful death rituals in our own time, we must beware the temptation to take ‘recipe’ for coping with death from other cultures or a nostalgia filled past”. It may be worthwhile, however, to foster an appreciation of how other culture relate to death and to adapt aspects of those “death ways” into one’s own life and practice. As implied in the root meaning of tradition “to hand down, the ways we cope with death are not created out of this air. Each generation receives culture from the one preceding, alters it a bit, and passes it on”. For culture all over the world this researcher make us to know and talks about the *power of the dead*.

“In cultures that maintains strong bonds between the living and the dead, “the land echoes with the voices of the ancestors”. Together, the living and the dead comprising the clan the tribe the people. The bond between living and dead is a sign that the community endures beyond the limits of death. In Bounese society, the village, the territory belong to the ancestors and the living members of the community maintain contact with them to ensure their livelihood and well-being. The community is a partnership of the living and the dead. This understanding is implicit when people refer to the “founding fathers” of a nation a college, who are spoken of metaphorically as ‘being with us in spirit’ living members of the group meet to celebrate their common purpose with those who proceed them. Western culture Asia, Africa and so forth. In the early Middle Ages, about the year 400, and continuing for a thousand years people in western European culture shared a view of eh

universe as bound together by natural and divine law. The teaching of the church influenced the manner in which people died and offered hope for the after life an acceptance of death associated with this outlook generally prevailed until the European cultural renaissance, or rebirth, in the 1400s and 1500s, these periods has been characterized by historian Philippe Aries as one of “tamed death”

The early medieval period, people viewed death with the understanding that that we shall all die, this reflected a sense of death as the collective destiny of human kind. The end of life was not thought to be synonymous with physical death, rather, the dead were “asleep” – in the church’s keeping - with assurance of resurrection at the apocalyptic return of Christ. With this faith, people tended not to fear what awaited them after death.

Also continuing the context of western culture and “emphasis on “thy death,” the meaning of death focused on separation from the beloved, giving rise to impassioned expressions of grief and desires to memorialized the dead. Hence was born the ideal of the beautiful death” in which the sad beauty of a loved one’s death elicits feelings of a melancholy, tinged with optimism for eventual reunion with the beloved in a heavenly home. With the death of his prince consort, Albert, in 1861, Queen Victoria of Great Britain the trend for elaborate funeral etiquette and mourning customs, as well as for a cult of widowhood. She wore a black mourning bonnet for the rest of her life and often commune with prince Albert at his grave in the Royal Mausoleum, where she herself would be laid to rest after her death in 1901.

The death bed the dying person often says “I see and know that my death is near” thus ===== the dying person in the middle ages acknowledge impending death, anticipated by natural sign or by inner certainty. Dying was understanding as manageable ... sudden death

was rare, even wounds in battle seldom brought instantaneous death possibility of unexpected death was fearful because it caught victims unaware and unable to properly close earthy accounts and turn towards the divine". Those who kept vigil around the death bed could confidently say that the dying person "feels her time has come" or "knows he will soon be dead"

A. Burial customs: as with death bed scene it continues, changes in burial customs received transformations on attitudes toward death over time. In the Roman Era, grave yards were situated on the outskirts of the settlements they serve, and burial within the town's precinct was permitted only as a special honor. With the rise of Christianity in the early middle ages, however, such burial customs began to change as believers adopted the idea that the saintliness of Christian martyr was powerful, even in death, and that these saints of the church could help others avoid the pitfalls of sin and the horrors of hell. Thus, it became advantageous to be buried near the merit by proximity'. Memorializing the dead.

Some use simple grave marker of "here lies John Doe". Variety began to appear, as did elaborate effigies of the head at burials of notables the thirteenth century burial sepulchral effigy of Jean d' Alluye depicts a recumbent knight in chainmail, sword girded and shield at his side, feet resting on the age of chivalry, with its tension between faith and heroism. Although effigies were created only for people at the highest social rank, they gave us clues about how people of the times viewed death. Effigy reflects the emerging belief that the bereaved could maintain bonds with the deceased by perpetuating their memory. Over time, such memorization became increasingly important by the time of the renaissance, as secular ideas competed with religious beliefs burial began to take place in cemeteries that

were not associated with churches the opening of the cemeteries of Pere Lachaise outside Paris in 1804, signaled the culmination of a radical change in western attitudes towards life and death”.

Also in the United States, the rural cemeteries movement began in the 1830s with the aim of replacing the simple untended grave yards of the puritans with lush, well-kept cemeteries like Mount Auburn in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Woodlawn in New York City. Places like Spring Grove in Cincinnati, Ohio, established in 1844 and occupying 733 acres, including a large undeveloped area of woodland at its centre, promoted a new concept of cemetery design in which landscape took precedence over monuments, in park-like settings the bereaved visited private graves and communed in memory with the deceased. Ornate monuments were erected to honor the dead, and elaborate funeral rituals included an extensive assortment of mourning paraphernalia. The deceased were imagined to be in a heaven where survivors hoped to be eventually reunited with their loved ones. These mourning customs of the nineteenth century are marked by a sense of sentimentality that made death seem final or severe.

The American Indian believe “as stated eloquently by chiefs settle, “to us the ashes of our ancestors are sacred and their resting place is hallowed ground ... be just and dead kindly with the people for the dead are not powerless. Dead, did I say there is not death, only change of worlds”.

In putting a deceased in the coffin it is supposed to face upwards Christian and pagan or humanities alike. But the Muslims buried their face turned upside down to depict their heaven, hence this incident of an Ibo woman in Africa, revenue toward the dead retains its importance. When the body of a Nigerian villager of the Ibo people was shipped by air from

the United States to her home village, the coffin arrived in a damaged condition. Somewhere in transit her body had been wrapped in burlap and turned upside down violating strict tribal taboos concerning abuse of a corpse. Despite the family offerings of yams, money and wine to appease the insult, members of the tribe reported seeing the women's spirit reaming about and relatives began to experience a reversals of fortune, which they characterized as a "curse" due to mistreatment of their dead relative. The woman's son said, "my mother was related as if she were nothing. "This her spirit was angry and not at peace in bringing suit against the airline to which the body had been entrusted, the son said "if this had been done to us by an individual, my whole tribe would have gone to war. If I was the case, it would be like bringing back someone's head. It would prove I'ma warrior ... it will show the gods I have done something against someone who shamed my mother.

This is in line with Albert Lee Strickland illustration photo it reads. "for individuals whose deaths occurred away from their ancestral villages, traditional Chinese custom involved disinterring the bones after perhaps ten years of burial and eventual returning them to the village where the person was born. In the interim, the bones were kept in a structure like this one at the ket- on society cemetery in Hawaii. The family of John F. Kennedy in illustrated photo.

"Children who experience the death of someone close may look to adult for models of appropriate behavior amidst the regalia of high military and political office that characterized the funeral of president John F. Kennedy, young John F. Kennedy, Jr. salutes the flag draped coffin containing his father's body as it is transported from St. Matthew's Cathedral to Arlington National cemetery. The day marked John's third birthday.

Mourners and Undertakers

The platform burial of a Tahitian chief is depicted in this drawing by William Hodges, made during captain cook's second voyage to the south pacific in the 1770's.⁵⁹ In addition, during the slave trade or slavery era in the 17th century. The slaves practice their culture amidst Acculturation by the white slaver in their own culture of speaking writing, worship and others. They still kept part of their own culture of burial ceremony or funeral. That is the age long traditions of the African brads in the blood. In slave community " W.E.B. Du Bois, narrated that inspite of slavery conditions,

Some traces were retained of former group life, and the chief remaining institution was the priest or the medicine man. He early appeared on the plantation and found his function as the healer of the sick, the interpreter of the unknown, the comforter of the sorrowing, the supernatural avenger of wrong and the one who rudely, but picturesquely, expressed the longing, disappointment and resentment of a stolen and oppressed people".

The funeral rite was an African custom much more wide spread than voodoo. Because of labour requirements on the plantations a deceased slave was often buried at night with the rites being held weeks later. This similarity to African practices is unmistakable. For example, Mrs. Telfair Hoggson reported that on her father's Georgia plantation in the 1850s negro graves were always decorated with the last articles used by the departed, and broken pitcher and broken bits of coloured glass were considered even more appropriate than the holute shells from the beach nearby, sometimes they carved rude wooded figures like images of idols, and sometimes a patchwork quite was laid upon the grave.

Not only did south slaves decorate graves like their African ancestors, they also retained the practice of celebrating the journey of the deceased to his “home” by dancing, singing, and drinking.

According to the traveller Henry Knight, in the south west, “when a slave dies, the master gives the rest of the day of their (slaves) own choosing, to celebrate the funeral. Thus, perhaps a month after the corpse is interred is a jovial da with them; they sing, dance and drink the dead to his new home, which some believe to be in old guinea”.

Certainly after the end of the trade in America in the latter half of the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth century its importance as an explanation of slave personality declines: probably less than 1 million natures born Africans had been brought to the United States before 1807. Since an overwhelming percentage of nineteenth century southern slave were nature Americans, they never underwent this kind of shock and were in a position to construct psychological defenses against total dependency on their masters” American slave was able to retain many African cultural elements and an emotional contact with his emotional contact with his motherland. This contact, however tenuous enabled the slave to link European and African forms to create a distinctive culture, and to contribute to his master’s culture.⁶⁰

Decoration Of Coffin And Grave

The place of wreath and flowers on the coffin and around the grave cannot be overemphasized. The wreath placed on the coffin to take to the church, where the deceased is lied –in-state. Then, the grave and it surrounding is drenched with flower some are planted round about it just like the African slave decorates with shell coloured broken glasses etc and

as the American bury their dead in war or some rich with their most cherish or work tools and articles so like the slaves burial with the articles the deceased last used.

Having looked at reason for burials both in Nigeria, African, Asia western cutline and tradition. The origin of using black to mourn, and the first person Queen victoria in 1807 used black to mourn her prince Albert memorializing the dead, the death beds we have also looked at the untended graveyards, the activities of the mourners and undertakers and the new dimension and finally the tradition of Africans decorating of graves with shells, broken coloured glasses and the European decoration of graves with wreath on coffin and flowers on graves and around it. We will now look at in the next chapter the main reason for this project topic. The proliferation of graves amidst designated cemeteries the world over.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE PROLIFERATION OF GRAVES IN NIGERIA, AFRICA AND BEYOND. THE MAIN CAUSES

Introduction

In the previous chapter, we looked at the African method of burial around the globe and the traditional rites observes throughout generations, which makes the African unique which makes the African to uphold their culture and tradition. This chapter will discuss on the proliferation of graves in the homes, churchyards, vault, uncompleted building, undeveloped plots; and the way forward. The conditions or untendedness of the existing cemeteries as the major cause.

Death and some of it leading causes has been discussed and it meaning. Before anything can die there must be birth growth and life, death occurs every minutes and birth also sometimes some birth does not see maturity, some die in embryo stage. There are different stage of age of death, some can get as far as old age, maturity. As birth is daily, marriage and death are also daily occurrences in nature.

We shall look at some words from William Russ, the grave digger, when he talks about the cemeteries, vaults, grave yards, church yard. People have been buried over and over again in the same little bit of churchyard. You have to throw somebody out to get somebody in three of four sometimes. I always put all the bones back so that they lie tidy-like just under the new person. They are soon all one, the parson said to me, “how is it that you get so many in one grave” and I always tell him that I must have disturbed a plague pit parsons will believe anything.⁶¹

This very point gave me goose principles the people or family that their deceased were buried there, will go and lay flowers and other sacrifices on the spots unknown to them that there are others occupants buried on top their own. Life is a mystery; or these family member who knows the spot are already dead? Perhaps buried in the same spot also perhaps the deceased lifelong enemies and antagonists are now sharing the same grave with such and still antagonizing him/her in the grave and other reasons you and anybody can think of?

The symbols of death

The different symbols of death such that “social scientists have noted that of all the rites of passage, death is most strongly associated with symbols that express the core life values sacred to a society. Some of the uniformities underlying funeral practices and the symbolic representations of death and moving in different cultures are examined below black traditional associated with darkness and gloom ... customarily colour of mourning for men and women in Britain since the fourteenth century... not that it is not the universal colour of mourning. Neither has it always provided he funeral live even in western. Europe cultures to symbolize purity, as well as in some religions, oneness with God, or eternal life in others. Sike==== women generally wear white clothes for mourning, although sometimes they wear black. Though there are variations within the Hindu traditions, women generally wear white or black. Even though there is sorrow in death, if the deceased porson is elderly, black or white may not be worn as they have lived a long and fulfilled life. White has also been a popular colour of morning in Christian funerals at different periods in history a notable example being Queen Victoria’s funeral.

The elderly, ‘the colour and clothes in which the deceased are dressed are often indicative of age, marital status and caste. Amongst Hindu, if the deceased is an elderly male,

he clothing ends to be simple and is normally white married women are dressed in new saris in shades of red and pink, as these are considered to be auspicious colours. Some items of jewelry especially the managalsutra (tied around the brides neck at the time of marriage by her husband, are left on the dead body and red kumkim powder is placed in the parting of hair. In stark contrast, deceased widows are generally dressed in somber shades”. The symbolism of hair - this concerns the women and men who mourn for their spouses and their children. Bini culture the children dressed with beads and adorned their hairs in different royal patterns designs, all over the kingdom beads are used to dress both male and female in all he ceremonies, birth marriage, chieftaincy, burial celebrations it is really spectacular occasions. Also in the west and eastern part of Nigeria and Africa days, weeks, months are given for these celebrations, cultural groups are ever present and the different age group. The men who loose their wife shared their hair in mourning some war black.

Hair, is another wide spread feature of funeral and mourning customs and one that is closely allied to clothing and styles of endowment, relates to the mourner’s hair. Jews, for instance, observes strict mourning for seven days. During this period, male relatives of the deceased are for bidden to share their beards.

Among Hindus, the ceremonies following a death usually last for thirteen days. However, on the eleventh day closer male family members of the deceased shave their beards and heads.

The significance of food

In many cultures, an important aspect of funeral rites concerned with ensuring the safe and comfortable passages of the soul from life into death. Among the Hindu, relatives of the deceased traditionally eat only simple vegetable food for thirteen days following a death

funeral ceremonies culminated in a feast, its grandeur varying according to the age and social status of the deceased. The traditions of feeding the mourner's after the funeral is quite widespread, signifying the continuity of life and of communal solidarity. The food that is served at such ceremonial gathering tends to be highly symbolic for example. Jewish mourners returning home from a funeral are normally given a hardboiled egg as a symbol of life.⁶²

Burial of the rich

They have a way of doing elaborate burial for the dead the grave digger sees it all and he said- "the rich people are buried in vaults you know I had to open a vault the other day and put a woman in she joined six or seven others and I had to shove em over an say 'come you together now, make room for a little' un! " vaults are sweet places, everybody lie in lad first, then wood, so there's no smell I went into the vault at Stanton when lord Eastam's wife died. It was full and I had to lay her on the floor because her relations had all the shelves it was first come, first served. The coffin were all made of paneled oak, great black things as black as a fireplace. Good God they last for generations".

Burial in churchyard

Church burial are done in the church- the gravedigger said out of experience " I have dug for all denominations, from catholic to play mouth brethren. The chapel people are the worst first of all they are three quarters of an hour in the chapel while the preacher spouts about the dead man and estimates whether he's saved and then, when they get to the grave on it goes again. They forget we all know the corpse. When they are none some about the saving you should hear them then!... this chapel preacher stood there by the hole I had got ready for Jed and was as near as damn it saying that Jed was n't saved although he hoped that he was.

So after the burial I went up to him and said, “my God, you’ve had some talk about Jed, have n’t you? I know you’ve have to say a few words – but you’ve said too much! I said, “do you reckoned you are saved? “he said” I hope so” very well hen, I said, but do you remember when you get to your maker he won’t ask what Jed has done – he’ll ask what you’ve been up to. You could see he didn’t like it.⁶³

Christian beliefs and practices is based on the mysteries of incantation and resurrection

Beliefs is in one and Jesus of Nazareth in whom God assumed human form. Personal identity is retained after death human beings are in continuing fellowship with God throughout life and death. Some Christians maintained a clear belief in heaven and hell. Roman catholic believe in a state called purgatory – a place where souls is purified in preparation for entry into heaven.

A person lives only one physical life the body is placed in a coffin by an undertaker and subsequently taken to a church or cremaforium. Following a memorial service the body is buried or cremated. Flowers may be used in the form of wreath. Continuity and eternity. Hindu cremation customs and rites. We shall look at the summary note that there is tremendous diversity within Hinduism, and there are many regional variations Hindus believe in reincarnation and that at death the soul shreds its body and “puts on” another body (not necessarily human) in a cycle of re-birth until it reaches God.

In India the body is usually within cremated 24 hours of death. It is wrapped in a cloth and placed in coffin. The coffin is covered in flowers. By tradition, the eldest son should set the funeral pyre a light, or press the button if a crematorium is used. The eldest son and other close males relatives have their heads shared as a sign of bereavement and cleansing.

Friends and relatives keep the bereaved company, shared grief and offer support.

On the eleventh or thirteenth day all will gather to offer a blessing to the deceased in order to show gratitude for acts of kindness that they received during his/her life time. Memory is preserved in the family's daily prayers (Puja).

The Humanist

This is another summary: humanists believe that there is one life and that we should make the best of it by living happy and fulfilled lives and helping others to do so. They look for evidence or draw on their own experience rather than believe what someone else says in order to form their beliefs and answer questions. They accept death as the natural and inevitable end to life. They do not believe in life after death, rather that people "live on in other people's memories of them.

There are specific or obligatory rituals to follow at death or funeral; however, expressions of sympathy and the acknowledgement of the bereaved person's feelings of grief are appreciated.

Humanist may choose to be cremated or buried, and the ceremony can take place anywhere. If possible, all religious symbols (e.g. at a crematorium) are removed or covered. The funeral ceremony is intended to celebrate the life that was lived and the proper honour that person's life through readings, poetry, music and personal tributes from family and friends, attendants are reminded of how their lives have been enriched through knowing the deceased".

Jewish funeral customs and beliefs about death

In summary: Jews believe in one God and that there is only one life to be lived. After death the body is washed, dressed in a white shroud and placed in a coffin. Whenever possible, burial should take place within 24 hours. No flowers or music are provided, ensuring

that there is no discrimination between rich and poor. Mourners ritually cut a slit in their outer clothes as a sign of grief.

There are seven days of intensive mourning during which close relatives say prayers throughout the day and neighbours and friends visit to offer condolences and help.

For the following eleven months the kaddish is said every day. Every year on the anniversary of the death, the family say the kaddish and burn a candle for 24 hours.”

Muslim burial customs and rites.

Summarily Muslims believe that there is one God, Allah. Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the prophet of God. There is only one life to be lived. There will be a day of judgment when each soul is judged according to their deeds on earth. Extravagant expressions of grief are against the will of Allah. Mourning is demonstrated by readings from the Qu’ran (Koran). The burial should take place before noon, and with the minimum of delay. The body is washed and wrapped in a simple white cotton sheet or shroud. All Muslims are dressed alike to symbolize their equality before God. The body is buried with head towards Makkah (south east in the U.K.).

On the first day after the burial prayers are said at home of the deceased. After the burial celebrations visits are made to the cemetery to say prayers at the family grave. This is a reminder that even in the middle of happy celebrations life is temporary and that it is important to live correctly to ensure eternal life with Allah. Sikh cremation customs and rites. In summary Sikh believe that death is welcomed as opening the door to the complete union with God.

The body is washed and clothed by members of the family and attired with the symbols of the faith. The body is then wrapped in a plain white sheet or shroud, and a rumalla placed on top.

The body will be cremated and the ashes will be immersed in running water at a designated area. Sikhs in the UK sometimes take the deceased person's ashes back to India. Both male and female relatives attend the cremation. They then returned to the Gurwara or home of the deceased to read the Guru Granth Salub. At the end of the reading and after Kirtan, Ardas is said, followed by the sharing of the Karah Parshad and langar".⁶⁴

The parson in the Christian burial rites are buried 're-incumbent'. Hear Mr. Tender dust to dust they say. It makes me laugh mud to mud like. Half the graves round here are water – logged. Foxton is a terrible wet place, the moment you get the grass off, you are in the water. I flout grass on the water so the mourners can't see it but when the coffin is lowered it has to be held under with a pole until you can get a bit of heavy soil on top it. At dear burgh the graves fill up to within eight inches of the top. I have drawn as much as fifty pails of water out of a grave at Dearburgh, the last when the funeral was coming up the path. And still the coffin had to be held under three feet of it. It all comes from the cricket pitch. The bodies are washed and dressed in shrouds except for a parson, and he's buried in his robes, when you bury a parson you always bury him 're incumbent' the opposite way to everybody else. Everybody lies with their feet to the east so that when they rise they face the lord. But a parson, you see, you bury him with his feet to the west, so that when he rises he faces his flock, and serve him right, I say. I had a bit of bother about this once.

An old canon had died and was cremated, and the asked were kept until his wife passed on. I put the ja of ashes on the wife's coffin and lowered the two. Well as everybody

knows, all that family particularly the daughters were over – educated. They were old maid. They were n't cranky because they hadn't had a man but because they'd had too many old books. Their brains were strained, well a month after I had buried her mother's corpse and her father's ashes, along comes miss Bolt to my house to pick up hell.

“You haven't buried father right, she says. ‘Oh’ I says you know he should have been buried re-incumbent, ‘she says. What are you talking about, miss Bolt, I say ‘ I put your father's urn on your mother's coffin, and if you can tell me the difference between the way I put him and the way you want him, I'll dig him up and turn him round. So then she says that I should have turned her mother the other way round as the reverend was on top of her! I mean if parson's wives are going to get themselves buried re incumbent, where it going to stop.⁶⁵

The philosophy of African burial in the ancestral land. The tradition of burial in one's ancestral land as practice in some culture in antiquity spread across a wider spectrum of most cultures. Most African societies still hold tenaciously to this practice. Several factors are serves as propellants to such philosophy. In the scriptures the Hebrew Qohélet is reported to have asserted that when a wealthy person dies and “has no burial” (Eccl. 6:3 NRS, NKJ) “doesn't even get a decent burial” (Eccl 6:3 NCT), does not receive proper burial (Eccl 6:3 ASU, ESU, KJV) he or she is similar to the understanding of proper burial of aged in Africa tradition. In Africa, when an old person dies, it is assumed that the spirit is gathered to that of the ancestors. As such the tradition made it mandatory for living relations to accord a proper or befitting burial, especially when the deceased was not considered evil. Funeral rites and ceremonies usually precede, and sometimes even succeed post funeral mourning as a “reaction of misery” as in almost every African tribal society and community, the frafra of

northern Ghana believe that “the dead are welcome into the ancestral world after a proper funeral is celebrated.

This is in line with the Bini tradition where a father’s or a mother’s burial rite is not completed the deceased is said to be at the “door mouth’ Abewe” of death and life. And the children in the family (extended) meeting for a dead or a marriage are shamed or reminded by their not collecting anything shared in that meeting or ceremony, nor accorded their rightful position in the scheme of (things) tradition and culture. Until they completed the burial rites of their parent(s) continuity improper burial could mean refusal of the dead into the ancestral home this ideology is similar with that of Mesopotamia where it was believe that “feeding the dead kept the spirit in the ancestral home”.

Culture of the near eastern people and the Canaanites it was also a worth-while desire for the Jews, at least in their formative years. In this culture, the desire was normative to be buried with one’s ancestors in one’s native land. Following in this tradition. Jacob had instructed his children not to bury him in Egypt but in Canaan (Gen. 49:29-32) obliged by this ⁶⁶

The graveyard I cemeteries of the Athenians

This Pericle’s funeral speech, was taken during the war between Spartan and Athen Pericle narrates that in the winter the Athenians following their arrival custom, gave a funeral speech for those who had been the first to die in war. These funerals are held in the following way. Two days before the ceremony the bones of the fallen are brought and put in a tent which has been erected, and the people make whatever offering’s they wish to their own dead. Then there is a funeral procession in which coffins of cypress wood are carried on wagons. There is one coffin for each tribe which contains the bones of members of the tribe

one empty bier is decorated and carried to the procession. This is for the missing, whose bodies could not be recovered. Everyone who wishes to, both citizens and foreigners, can join in the procession, and the women who are related to the dead are there to make their lamentations at the tomb. The bones are laid in the public burial place, which is in the most beautiful quarter outside the city walls. Here the Athenians always bury those who have fallen in war. The only exception is those who died at Marathon, who because their achievement was considered absolutely outstanding, were buried on the battle field itself. When the bones are laid in the earth, a man chosen by the city for his intelligence, intellectual gifts and for his general reputation makes an appropriate speech in praise of the dead, and after the speech all depart. This is the procedure at these burials, and all through the war, when the time came to do so, the Athenians followed this ancient custom.⁶⁷

The important subject here that concerns this topic is the 'grave types and funeral rite ancient custom and traditions of praising the dead by a chosen man of great reputation. Though the burial of the common citizens are unmentioned, but they are also buried in the same burial place with their own demarcation.

Fake graves and headstones

This is taken from a novel passport to Paris. This is an example of a fake grave ... a grave that was dug with a head – stone in Clarisse name, age and nationality in the Christian part of the cemetery in Syria. According to the secretary of the British embassy was discovered to house a Mank instead of Clarissa”.

Generally embassies have urged those in professional genue===== to espionage activities for them unknown to the individuals involved as they are included or favoured

them and grout and sign their request for their courses abroad here is a very good example of these ideas.

“... he had used him once long ago, for ===== affair when he did n't relies he was being sued. He had used him more recently, when he had asked him to go as a delegate to a malaria conference in Teheran – and try at the same time to discover what happened to a professor of classes who was also a British agent.⁶⁸

Patriarchal last wish/will

Joseph, still serving as prime minister in Egypt buried his father Jacob as the latter had desired. (gen 50:4-14) consequently as we can see what was significant to, about the Jewish people burying their early patriachs and matriachs in the field procured by Abraham in the land of Canaan would be assumed only on the basis of Yahweh's allotment of the land on oath to them. Apart from the Abraham and Joseph's burial accounts and a few more in Jew history the location of burial changed with Isreal progressive political development and civilization the expectance of captivity made burial in Palestine even more difficult.

Nyerere of Tanzania and Jomokenyatta of Kenya died, they were buried in their ancestral lands, so also were Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, and Joseph Mobutu (Mobutu Sese Seko Ngbendu Wa Za Banga) of Zaire (now the democratic Republic of the Congo). Recently, Nelson Mandela (Madiba) of south Africa died and was buried in his ancestral land in Quru in the Transkei, near Johannesburg”.

The spirit of the dead are dreaded and reverence in African traditions”.

Methodology of burial for the dead globally are regulated by “religious culture's economic sociological and ecological factors ... land is a critical commodity globally and particularly in African because it gives a person his or her stamp of identity and right of

belonging. In Africa ownership of land gives a person a sense of belonging and recognition in society.

Only those who had met certain preconditions during their life time qualify to given traditionally accepted funeral rites and ritual. Following in this tradition, some parts of Africa believe, according to Ademiluka, that “the grander the funeral ceremonies of the deceased, the more acceptance he would be accorded in the world of the ancestors.

While “as kunhiyop out, death and the afterlife loom large in the Africa world view. At death, one moves into the presence of the ancestors, and so while living here on earth one is taught how to prepare to meet them ... it is generally understood that a good life while result in being joined with the ancestors after death. While evil life will result into total oblivion, the idea of which is utterly abhorrent to Africans.

Still talking on Africa burial, the “communities like the Muslim people of Panshi in Jos Plateau, Nigeria, the burial of a family member outside of his or her ancestral land is considered a very serious offense against the spirit of the land such as act is construed as a discarding of such a person, that is, a throwing away into a far foreign bush of a dear one when this happens, such individual is severed from his or her lineage and clan subsequent generations of that family and clan would not forgive such treacherous act or treat it lightly. This is crucial because belief in existing relationship between the living and the ancestral spirit world is powerful in Africa.

He continue in his bulletin that in the course of burial rite are given colourful burial he says – “while the exact location of ancestral abode/world may not be clearly defined in the African conceptual mind, it is considered situated not far from the domain of the living. In the effort to accord good escort and farewell to the deceased, colourful funeral ceremonies

are put up with great dance as well the display of some cultural heroic eulogizing and incantations, particularly for the aged and heroes/heroines. Here as in the Mupun funeral rites, the deceased is buried with things which he may sue to facilitate his journey towards ... the god land". Things like a tobacco pipe, tobacco bowls, cooking utensils, walking stick and so forth. The death of a child or youth and miscarriage, and abortion.

The death of a child and a youth meets with much sorrow in Africa belief malt with great sorrow and waiting is the emotional feeling when a child or youth dies such death is "misfortune and a bod one as the deceased 'is cut off from the land of both the living and the ancestors. African communities neither delay the burial nor publicize such a death on this basis.⁶⁹

This days the miscarriage or abortion of a pregnancy is published and announced in the social media, face book, even some people who are pregnant show their bare belly to the world that they are pregnant sometimes, their husbands poses with them either touching or putting their ears to the stomach of their pregnant girlfriend or spouse. The miscarriage of and abortion of a pregnancy is even more painful and sorrowful, because they are also souls like the aged that died. This is why the Hare Khisna Temple believed that an old person, man or women, child or youth miscarriage or still birth and abortions are all souls, and that at any stages of death, they will come back re incarnation which hey the Hare Knshrias believed will be reborn until such a one fulfills his mission here on earth. If one dies before one's time on earth and is remaining some year to live before he died, will definitely come back that is be born again peradventure such dies remaining few months, again few weeks and again few days and again just a day and hour, few minute, a second until his numbers of year a fully lived it will keep on counting and going and come.

When young people die you only know if they are your friends neighbor and relative and if you were actually a witness to such event. These days face book and whatsapp carries such news.

Coroners – a death, a patient or a sick person who have been seeing a doctor or consultant and not yet diagnosed or a patient who died before or on the way to the hospital, is called brought in dead (B.I.D) and yet to be diagnosed is said to be a coroner case, and those who died before 24 hours of arriver.

Some families demand autopsy to know the cause(s) of the death some felt it's unnecessary waste of time and fund many a time auptosy have prove an unnatural death, poisons, a disease pars, sudden health failure due to unknown source of illness – whether histological disease, hereditary further examinations will be made so that statistical data will be collected, for knowledge research and teaching and management and prevention programmes in treating other patients the world over by scientists, in eh laboratories and xrays by eh radiologist to show the entire human anatomy. The all – the results from all investigations done and the weighing, the blood pressure done by the nurses helps the doctors – consulting in determining and diagnosing an illness before treatment can be prescribed, also the clerking of a patient to get his/her informations enables ===== personelles to take actions.

People or patients divulged secret informations about themselves and their spouses to doctors that they would have kept till death, the lawyers, personal lawyer knows the clients inside out hence hey are able to act on such a client's behalf.

The social media in the funeral industry in this concluding part of this chapter shows social media interests with the death and commemoration process. The examples we have

provided include online planning tools, services to be enable remote funeral attendance, and digital memorialization products the ethic of participatory digital culture was translated into planning death. The ways technologies for mediating presence were adopted at funeral services.

The ways vernacular expressions of emotions familiar to users of social media interfaces were adapted within various online spaces of memorialization. In turn we have found that these services have been variously contested, adopted, adapted within the funeral industry depending upon the perceived value they offer funeral directors in maintaining their services role in balancing care and commerce. These technologies borrow from the social practices, affective registers, and cultures conventions of social media. Adopting these can be understood as part of the funeral industry's efforts to shore up its historical intermediary role, social status, and economic relevance in the face of potential "distraction" from technological innovation and shifting forms of net worked grieving and commemoration in digital culture.⁷⁰

We shall discuss the roles of duges, music, songs, humans and poens about death and the programmes of service in burial and serve.

When I was young I delighted in death the funerals were by and grand and slow you learnt a lot about everyone. They crept about in the deepest black now they come to a funeral in all the colours of the rainbow. And afterwards they don't even walk up to the church yard to cart the dead flowers away. They have one ward for the dead when they have got them into the ground, and that is "forgotten"... they will put a stone up with "there you are we've done all we can for you, now bugger you/" They will even put crazy paving on top of the grave so they don't have to pay me to clip the grass. And the price of it all.⁷¹

Service of Songs Reading

John 5:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?

Vs 27, she said unto him, yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the son of God, which should come into the world. Jesus said this to Martha at the occasion of the death of Lazarus her brother who had been buried for four days.

Vs 35 Jesus wept.

Vs 36 then said the Jews, behold how he loved him!

Vs 43 and when he thus have spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Vs 44 and he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, loose, him, and let him go.

Therefore this passage and verses shows that there is resurrection after death⁷² And other chapters and verse for the service of song.

The poet

He recites the happening in the world from birth to marriage and on every subjects under the sun ... of rain of love, of death, education, knowledge, relationship, neighborliness and so forth let look at this poem once again from “Walsall post cards”.

“... today it is still full, full of beautiful things, including the famous frescoed Hapburg family here in honour of maxi million who stayed on hurting expeditions and who is said to have chalked upon the wall of his bedroom – left as he last inhabited it with a plain wooden bench round the wall, a chandelier of stags antlers and a bed so short that it must

have brought his knees up to his chin- the following sudden excursion into the introversion upon the part of a natural extrovert.

“I live I know not how long,

I die I know not when,

Must go I know not wither,

I wonder that I so joyful be.⁷³

Dirges

According to the English dictionary – a mournful poem or piece of music composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person and it has synonyms like lament, requiem, coronach, threnody and elegy are all connected with pain and death.

This poet from “Akenfield” said

“One has to have a leaning toward village life it is often a life of poverty in contrast with that of the towns. Poverty is sometimes believed to be a great stimulant of art, but I don’t believe this except I am willing to forgo a lot of the thing other people now take for granted in order to keep Akenfield, by which I mean the deep country. The power of wonder is here.

I am now at home here I know everybody and everybody knows me. Words have meaning for me here. I am lucky, I came here to get better but I have in fact been re-born. I have escaped I have escaped into reality. Here are no nameless faces, I am identified and I identify. All is seen although you may not be capable of loving your neighbor as yourself, you can at last know him nearly as well as you know yourself.⁷⁴

Music

Themes of loss and death are head in all musical styles. In rock and other forms of popular music, death themes are standard fare ===== in fact, it has been that death imagery I rock music helped break the taboo against public mention of death. Support for this thesis is found in a survey of the “Top 40” songs from the mid-1950s to the 90s”. More recently, themes involving dying and death have been commonplace in rap and hip-hop music. Example include coolio’s description of a “Gangsta’s Paradise” and puff daddy’s grief over a close friend’s death in “I” ll be missing you” so-called heavy metal often include lyrics that convey striking images of homicide and suicide the tragedy of September 11, 2001, terrorist attack led musicians to respond with songs like Alan Jackson’s “where were you (when the world stopped turning)” an Neil young’s “ let’s Roll,” inspired by the words of a passenger on flight 93, which crashed in the Renssy/vanica countryside, as well as Bruce springsteen’s “my city of Ruin,” a song composed earlier about the artist’s hometown but which poignantly related to the smoldering Twin Towers of eh World Trade Centre in New York City. Imagery of ash, rubble, and nightmare was common in religious hymns written after September 11, and many of these hymns began with the world ‘when, which grounded he text in a moment in time’⁷⁵.

This next text is take from kahlil the prophet “on Joy and sorrow”. It says – when a woman said, speak to us of Joy and sorrow.

And he answered:

Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.

And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises was often times filled with your tears.

And how else can it be?

The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain.

Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was buried in the potter's oven?

And is not the lute that soothes your spirit, the very wood that was hollowed with knives?

When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. When you are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. Some of your say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others say, 'nay sorrow is the greater'".

But I say unto you, they are in separatele.

Together they come, and when one sits odone with you at your board with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.

Verily you are suspended like a scale between your sorrow and your joy. Only when you are empty are you at standstill and balanced.

When he treasure keeper lifts you to weigh his gold and silver, needs must your joy or your sorrow rise or fall.

This and many more writing arts on death are prevalent in the history of man both in written and oral traditions across cultural boundaries in international system.

Moreso, having discussed the roles of burial rites and rituals in the proliferation of graves in Nigeria, Africa and beyond.

Africa cultures, norms and tradition, the symbol of death, prominent is the 'black' and "white" colours in all burial around the world, for instance Queen victoria usage of black to mourn her husband prince Albert, the symbols of hair, he significant of food, burial of the rich, forms of burial – Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish funeral customs and beliefs about

death, Muslims burial customs and rites, the Sikh cremation customs and rites, philosophy of African burial in ancestral land. The death of a child or youth. The place of durgas and music in burial.

Finally about joy and sorrow in people's lives. The next chapter will explain the proliferation of graves at homes which will explain the reason for such actions and choices, concerning their dead, even though the choice of graveyard, cemeteries, church yard, public and private burial places abound in Nigeria for instance.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE PROLIFERATIONS OF GRAVE AT HOMES

Introduction

Having looked at the “proliferations of graves in Nigeria graves in Nigeria Africa and beyond we shall now look at the proliferation of grave at homes.

Graves burials has span many civilization from the early men who digged shallow graves and used the remains of animal born to covered the graves or they used broken or detached slabs from rocks. They showed love and duty to their dead loved ones and they begin to bury in that area as they formed communities like the burying areas in the villages to this day.

This chapter is the most important part of this project work. A lot has been discussed in the last chapters. Talking of graves we must take about the gravediggers, then, their activities areas were the graveyard, the churchyards, the cemeteries public and private, the vaults and the crematoriums around the internationals, beliefs and culture and traditions, beliefs and culture of the communities.

Those these forms of burial are still being practice in the western world, but it is sparilly performed in Nigeria. The activities of the present Nigerian gravedigger is centre around homes, uncompleted building with few outside work in cemeteries. In this wise, the cemeteries are unsafe for the occupants of the graves even in death and the near neighbours and neighbourhood of these cemeteries and the pedestrians that and motorists that ply the roads alones these cemeteries; it has becomes the den of thieves, cut throats, robbers and assassins, hoodlums, cultists, ritualists, Babalawos, pastors and reverends both real (called) and unreal (uncalled) in the field or fold, for instance “three youth males were caught

bathing in a cemetery in Nigeria, performing ritual, their ritual bath, tying red coloured wrappers (piece) round each of their waist triangular amongst the graves in that particular cemeteries they chose their spots probably the particular graves might be their father's or mother's and other close relatives.⁷⁵

The other ritualists and babalawos go to get human skeletons and to do spiritual cleansing also the pastors and other "men" of "God" per say to amass wealth and congregation, to make charms and spells and amulets.

The shepherd leads their cattle's into the cemeteries to fee also because of the unattended nature of these cemeteries and grave. The relatives those who are alive has said "forgotten" to them.

Many unnamed, unclaimed, unknown persons are buried in the cemeteries unknown where about, vicious of circumstances with these instances, mostly the untended nature of the cemeteries has instilled great fear in the hearts of deceased family and their relations passing what they see and heard across to their kins. Therefore, the choice of home graves which has now once again becomes traditional. Another point is when will it end?

The living want their dead to be buried at homes and live with them as they give them directives, and instructions before they deed and through dreams concerning what has happened and what will happen immediate and in the near future they are still very must valued as all will die, death being inevitable to all and when one dies "the beneaned are always told to "take heart".

Therefore, many of the home in Bini, Esan, Oza, Estakho, Orah, Usen, Akiko-Edo tribes in Edo State, have one, two, three, four sometimes up to five graves of ancestors in

their compounds. Even in Delta State the same story amongst those who lives in the riverine areas come to the Island to bury their dead even west and east.

Due to these vices afore mentioned and the neglects of cemeteries people have come to settle for home burial. This has swells the numbers of burial in homes, undeveloped plots, field, farmlands, rooms parlors, front, sides, backyards, stores and gardens, in various family homes in Nigeria. Some of these graves are locked up some are cared for while others are also left unattended.

This whole world, population who have lived are so much in statistics that their graves littered the earth from seas, oceans, rivers, cracks valleys, hills, mountain, plains, plateau, glades and of recent “the space”.

The people living in the world today are very dew, not up to 1% of the population of the “dead past” in all the universe displayed. Since the creation of the world, wars, has been the leading cause of death with the superior weapons of mass destruction followed by earthquake, epidemiology disease curable and incurable natural and unnatural causes, accidents both pelricular, airplanes, ships, industrial, railways fine outbreak, hurricanes, foods and so on which has ravaged the continued.

Why proliferations of graves? It has become alarming and competitive amongst people of different tribes, clan and culture and tradition that is the proper way of buning=== their dead to be very close to them.

Those dead who are buried in front, by the sides of their homes are new actually, acting as security for such homes and compound, while those buried inside the homes be it parlour, bedroom and backyards are the home and family caretakers continuing their roles of heads while alive. In my father’s case he was buried in his house, we sleeps and wake with

him everyday, that is my brother and his family that lives in the house also when we visit, the rest children. But he will no longer die with us if and when were called to God's glory. I have also have the opportunity of being a tenant in a house where the landlord's mother was buried surprising enough, the son, wife, grandchildren who live there did not use the room where she was buried. That was the very room I rented unknown to me. The realization came one day after I cook soup without taking from it, or overnight, it will always sourced.

I prayed to God, because I was leaning alone then, and I received revelation that there was a grave in the room where my bed was I was shown the spot. I begged the occupant of that grave not to harm me, I do not know you were her, forgive me and do not sour my food again, your children abandoned you by letting out this room, but now if you want to punish me, go punish your children, I am paying rentage fee". That was how it stopped I did not match that spot unless by mistake. To quench her hunger id o serve her food, on a plate not leftovers. One day, I asked one of her granddaughter about the grave and she confirmed it. This trend if not checked, everywhere and houses will become cemeteries in Nigeria.

The question needs to be ask if I die where and how do I want to be buried? If you that will read this project dies where and how you and your friends do and loved once wants to be buried? This brings to mind the issue of cremation it has been discussed concerning the Sikh (Indian) but other nations too has embarked on it. The Indian are said, do not have much land but Oceans, seas and rivers, therefore, in order not to pollute the water are burnt and their ashes at death are sprinkled in the seas, oceans, land and in the air, because things already "Charred" do not burn again and do not causes diseases or epidemiology. In Nigeria, Lagos State years ago, the minister of environment, Beko Kuti said if I die I want to be burnt and my aches used as fertilizer to grow vegetables. He was married to an Indian I was in

great fear I was wondering who will set him on fire. I did not know nether have I understand the word cremation nor crematorium no grave digger but ashes spread or broadcasters in Indian and all those who prefers their traditional method of burial rites.

Those who go to the cemeteries are those who met misfortunes collectively whose who died in war. Those “abandoned” those ‘unclaimed’ in the hospital morgue-corpses are massed buried in the cemeteries after the announcement in the mass media Radio, Television and the daily Newspapers, magazines. These too will also be removed from the graves and burnt their skeletons to make room for others people who do not have where to bury their dead. The economic importance of burial all over the world in different cultures the importance are of both positive and negative economically.

For instance if a man/women dies, Christian, who had lived poor, at burial (some) children (family) will task these children, some are really very young to bring so much huge amount, these to these “family head” therefore the children will leave the corpse in the mortuary which is also very expensive, sometime over a year corpse will still be in the morgue, the senior son will die, the corpse will linger more in the morgue.

In other cases some family(ies) are waiting for children from abroad, while some want to use the break to make money for the burial, some will go and borrow with interest of which they will be unable to pay back leading to more trouble for the deceased and the family let see this example, somebody whose father or mother or both father and mother died the same day; will want to entertain his club(s) members, street member, family, church members or congregation, business associates, friends of friend, cult members (special clubs) shrine members, school Alumina colleagues at work, in-laws, political parties members, spouse’s family member and so on to the burial ceremony. The activities of the nuisance in

the area, if they became drunk and destroys properties borrowed or fight and killed somebody, causes injury to people, steal invitees properties, kidnapped anyone cause great rioting, disturbs the burial rites activities, probable sent by the enemy to the deceased, or one of the son(s) rivals. The bona-fide next-of-kin, inheritance scribble and he peoples of partiality in the sharing of inheritances (scribbles) in Africa has cause many destructions, family disunity, untimely death, wastage of time to bury the decease, prolong stay in the morgue of the deceased, anxiety, enmity, disability, chaos, and prolong time of mourning . Arrest and imprisonment feud and the giving of extravagant gifts to invitees in appreciation of their coming to the ceremony. Rivalry can come from both the polygamous and monogamous family even from extended family.

It can bring pride and boastfulness to the family for successfully burial, thereby creating competition among the other families in the communities they often say, and we have often heard “it was the talk of the town”.

Another importance is that the burial is often very successful. The extravagance of burial has made the activities of the cattle rearers from the northern part of Nigeria and our own cattle dealers to spread across the local government areas, states an country Nigeria. The traditional rulers, chiefs, army officers, both serving and retired, police-commissioner prominent individual, presidents, ministers, chairmen of local governments, Governors and so on and so forth has embarked on the rearing and selling of these cattles to the detriments of the poor local farmers, these Fulanis cattle rearers, are employed by these leaders to rear for them and this paced-the-way for terrorists activities which would have been curbed farmers are killed the women and girls are raped, a hole communities has been wipe out, farm lands has been razed by fire so that new grasses will spring for their cattle to feed on.

Any challengers are arrested by the government ironically this would have been the opposite. The cattle rearers are supplied sophisticated weapons and ammunitions to kill the bonifide citizens of these communities, automatically aiding the activities of the terrorists, inflation is now the order of the day and chaos everywhere in Nigeria, different groups are springing up every day. Due to our extravagant life styles, most importantly, graves are very expensive to maintain, demands constant attention and finding.

Exhumation

Is the act of digging up that which has been buried or disinterment some families have also exhumed the buried dead in their families before and many more are still in the practice of exhumation the skeletons of their buried dead.

The police can exhume the corpse that has been buried before for investigation reasons in the case brought before them and the court to ascertain the facts and proof of the evidence brought before the court order to exhumation is first given or issued by the court before such as carried out in public view.

The reason why a family can exhume a buried corpse is when the place of burial is flooded, threatened by road map or construction of road or government projects through the land. The families will be paid off therefore the corpse(s) will be relocated to a more properly prepared place. Sometimes far away from kins gone before while some have opportunity to be relieved in their ancestral land.

The church can also relocate corpses(s) buried in their churchyards, when the church wants to expand its building plans – sometimes the churches and their authority(ies) has the needs to expand – for instance they want to develop the area of bury ground to become a hall,

a school, an hospital and for other purposes might also be that they want to develop it for the hose of the clergy.

For instance my project supervisor Reverend sister, Dr. Nwaka in the course of these project work, said that in her church===== the bodies, (skeletons) remains, that were buried in the churchyard, as the church has need to sue the area as a school, the church authority wrote letters to all whose relations, parents, children, uncles and aunties and so on were buried in the churchyard to come and exhume their corpses remains, many came to exhume the skeleton so f their relations others said it was unnecessary. They actually left theirs unexhumed. Some relation do no long know that their relatives were buried in the churchyard those who knows were already dead and eventually a school was erected there at that spot.

In the case of those who sold their inherited landed and house properties, where their fore-fathers, fathers, mothers aunty, uncle has been buried that is his entire ancestors, without exhuming them for re-burial elsewhere people has frowned at them, they have been called all sorts of names under the sun. Some have even died some are very ill, some have gone (mad) insane wasted the money on unnecessary thing and womanizing thereby forfeiting his inlientance sometimes to total strangers.

In the case of many persons inheriting a property for quarrel not to come and scatter such family unity they will sell such property to raise money to buy a bigger or larger property and shared this amongst all the inheritors of the former property and every one of them will be at peace with each other most time the corpse of the parent will not be buried in such properties it will be buried in the ancestral land (village) with his/her.

Ancestors

If such deceased is buried in that properties the deceased family gives the children the right, or agreement to exhumed the corpse for re-burial. All the former rites will be repeated as if it is a new burial. The ancestor will be appeased. Everything depends on our mind set and individual beliefs born out of traditions the bible says in proverbs 13:11.

‘Wealth gotten by vanity shall diminished but he that gathereth by labour shall increase’. And

Proverbs 21:6 say “the getting of treasures by lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death and in the book of Ecclesiastes 1:2.

“Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity” and Ecclesiastes 1:14.

“I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and , behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit and Ecclesiastes 2:11.

“Then I looked on all the works that my hands has wrought, and on the labour that I had labored to do and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun”

In these verse, one can easily see the vanity of the works of man, whether in lying, pleasure, greediness covetousness in grievous works they are all vanity every tradition is vanity. Burials of dead bodies helps to stop epidemic out break from dead bodies and mass death at the sometime from causing environmental hazards and havoc.

Death and burials help those who are very ill and won’t recover, the deceased, those with protected illnesses to find rest and peace. It takes away much sorrow, pain and financial buddens from the family. To remove pollution of water sources legal status laws establishing

graveyards vaults, cemeteries in Europe is taken from the “legal status of burial ground” are different in nature – burial in ‘private’ or ‘family graveyards’ was assumed to be ‘in perpetuity’ until the local authorities” cemeteries order of 1977. This stipulated rights of burial for a maximum of the commonwealth war graves commission, which can still be burial rights without limits.

While the “church of England churchyards may be closed for further burials by order in council, a process which cannot be reversed. Under English law the church of England closed for burials responsibility for care and maintenance. Although monuments are private property, the power to remove them or make them safe now resides in the hands of local authorities under the local authorities cemeteries order 1977. Continuing, the particular role played by cemeteries and crematoria is politically and culturally sensitive enough that the activities which takes place within them are covered by. Anatomy Act 1871, 1984, births and deaths registration act 1874, 1926, 1953. Burial Act 1852, 1906; burial law amendment Act 1880; cemetery clauses Act 1847, coroners Act 1988; Environmental protection Act 1990; Health and safety at work act; Human tissue Act 1961; medical act 1956, 1969, 1978, open spaces Act 1906; planning Act 1964, public Health Act 1848, 1875, 1936, 1984. Registration of burial Act 1864, still birth definition Act 1992; Town and country planning Act 1990.

While the most active from of regulation of cemeteries and New cemeteries developments is now exercised by environment agency, largely due to a concern with the pollution of water sources. However, there is also concern at emissions from crematoria, and new standards might bring about the up-grading or re-siting of some existing crematoria.... There are many churchyards in England and wales many closed to further burial (at least 6,000 of which are

now maintained as distinct burials ecosystems), but with many others still being used for human interments.

United Kingdom the commission is responsible for more than 170,000 graves in over 12,000 burial grounds. In brief the number of existing and identifiable cemeteries and burial grounds in England and Wales, closed or operational as more than 12,000 but likely to be less than 20,000.

The survey of the Jewish Built Heritage has documented a total of 131 Jewish burial grounds in England and Wales dating from 1656 to 1939. However, there are a large number of dedicated Jewish plots in municipal cemeteries continuing this analysis of burial places. A study by Andy Clayden at Sheffield university found that by 2004 there were nearly 190 national burial sites in the UK of which about 50 were privately owned, 130 owned by local authorities (often within existing cemeteries and ten owned by charitable trust. The number of such burial grounds is increasing”.

Different grades of cemeteries

Now, as general appreciation of cemeteries as designed landscapes increased during the 1980s, it became clear that many more deserves a place on the’ register of parks and Gardens”, in the 1980s only 14 cemeteries were registered, but by 2004 this had jumped to 110 of registered cemeteries, about 60 percent are Grade II, 30 percent Grade II, and ten percent classified as Grade I. Burial, cremation, and the burial of cremated remains.

The UK has one of the highest cremation rates in the world. People choose cremation for varieties of reasons including efficiency, hygiene, cost, and not wanting to leave behind the burden of a grave to maintain where people die without making their preference for burial or cremation clear surviving family members generally chose cremation, in the case of

young children burial is generally chosen, and the creation of separate baby and children areas in cemeteries is one innovation of the past 50 years.

Discrimination between choice of grave and cremation

Some religions disapprove of cremation, including Jew, Muslim, until recently catholic faithful; environmentalists prefers, now prefers “natural burial” in woodland settings to cremation which is now coming under increasing scrutiny on environmental grounds”.

Conflicts may arise between the different religion concerning graveside rituals. Some may want to erect headstones or monument; all these cultural differences have to be negotiated.

Ethnic groups may be given separate sections of a ceremony”.

Some cremated remains are buried in the churchyards and cemeteries some are scattered in memorial gardens; but many people take cremated remains away for private disposal (a practice that is frown upon and in many cases forbidden else-where in Europe).⁷⁷

The grave digger in reference 64 of this project “has said that I put the jar of ashes on the wife’s coffin and lowered the two together ...” the old canon jar of ashes and the coffin, phonically they were given different burial cremation and grave burial together in same coffin both spouse died different year but buried same day same time same place what an arrangement combined cultural display.

“If they had to do my work they will know that would know that life is a fighting business. I had a parson say to me the other day, as I was digging a grave, ‘do you think these people will ever come out there again, tender? I said, ‘they will have a damned job after I have finished with them. He said, seriously, ‘once you’re in there, you’re finished’ “never I’ I said. But we don’t know, do we? We’ve just got to leave the body after it has been covered up. The people I’ve accidentally smashed to pieces in my time, they’re going to have

a rum time of it". He was telling or reminding us of 'the resurrection day, which no one actually know of as at now.

'I'll tell you what I think in the burial service it tells you that when you are dead you go into the earth like a grain but it doesn't say anything about your coming out in the same form as you went in you might come back as a cat! I love cats. I have a family of ten cats in the church yards. They used to sleep cold among the tombs but I've made a little hole in the charmed door and now they've very comfortable indeed. They cost me 10s a week to feed and they don't even belong to me. They don't belong to anybody. They watch the funerals from afar off. It's a healthy life for them there are worse things than coming back as a cat.⁷⁸

The value and usage of burial, land scapes has not been disturbed and demolished.

The Cemeteries in Benin

The landscape is still the same since I was a child, when my mother will held my hands tightly as we are about to pass by that side of the road at Ehuekpen street Uzebu quarters in Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State, I will try to remove my hands which have been held together, I will scream hell, why, I have seen people on black, and coffin which I was told by my senior play mates that the dead person, sometimes they mentioned the name of the decease as that papa Esohe or mama Ifa. If we know the person we will not pass his/her house for a long time. The parties or burial celebration children do not go there at all unlike these days, the civil war has made every body not to have fear anymore.

The bereaved do not, I have never seen nor heard that such person have offered to be buried along with the deceased! Perhaps they would have wish, I would have wished when my immediate junior sister and her baby died. Some years after my father my father died we haven't finished mourning our father death even till date, I was angry with myself for not

able to save her because no money, no help from relatives none at all. Now when I am paid salary even though it is small I always remember how I was not able to help (whitey Oyinbo) my dear sister. I know others felt like this too. I have phobia for cemeteries which everyone do have. And I believe most people working in connection with the death, grave and burials, gravediggers, undertakers and so on would not want to if there had been other alternatives – because we want to honour the dead give them proper burial, escorts the deceased to his ancestral abode, bury them properly, prevent smell and population of the environment one will eventually let them go and rest.

In Benin thee there historical cemeteries in Bini. They are located in very accessible and well-chosen areas not very far from the Omo n’Oba Palace and very close to Ezomon palace and Dliha palace.

The next cemetery is at New Lagos Road along Igbema area and New Beninquarters. The last cemetery is also centrally located to house the ancestors in the past but as stranger has invaded Benin City and environs they also bury their dead that they cannot, due to many reason carry back to ancestral land, cremation activities has also been done at in these cemeteries children are also bury their many other activities are carried out in these cemeteries. They are all walled round with gats and the attendants office there they may double as gravedigger and so on. But the condition of these grave coupled with a Bini mirth that if a father died he will be buried outside and if a mother dies will be buried at the back of the house this story concern a true life story. The origin of home burial which has brought the proliferation of grave at home meaning outside designated cemeteries.

Interment for the dead are performed here as England cemeteries, grave yards and burial grounds all over the world. Looking at these cemeteries from outside and inside gives

one goose-pimples and shill. They are unattended, just like other burial grounds, except the private graveyards for the rich which are tended.

Nuisances activities are done and performed here in these Benin cemeteries and other activities as mentioned earlier in “economic importance of burial” those who do not have landed properties, buried their dead mostly in cemeteries does not attract tourists, the rich and prominent people buried their dead in their private graveyards or garden in their compound with headstone and monument built all over the world. There is the enough cemeteries, Lagos State Ikoyi cemeteries and others in Nigeria. All cemeteries has management and maintenance. Nevertheless it is clear that in many places there is a shortage of local burial space, and pricing policies are being used to manage demand. Some would argue, that if local burial is to be a genuine choice then some forms of subsidy may need to happen but from where? Also, local authority cemeteries managers are talking about a forthcoming upsurge in burial demand, as the present older generation finally succumbs to the demands of longevity.

One way in which some public and private cemeteries are dealing with the lack of burial space is through “cramming” new graves are crammed into historic cemeteries, often in inappropriate places such as footpaths, and planting areas. This then destroys the original design and aesthetic harmony of the cemetery.

The benefits of burial grounds, cemeteries graveyards, private burial grounds public then churchyards. Hey all have the same purpose except the vaults that is really designed for the royals in shelves. The private burial ground for the prominent individuals so that historians politician researchers, students can use it as an excursion site and tourist attraction.

They all have value to life that is the living and the dead for our memory of them and the future generations to have memories of us all.

Some benefits of burial grounds –

- Architecture
- Landscaping
- Wildlife
- Local amenity – especially in London where park facilities and event, children's play equipment now can be found.
- Disadvantage of monuments and headstone, some head stones and memorial and gravestones and monuments have fallen and killed four persons between 1995-2004 as a result of poor design and poor masonry and age, then lack of maintenance culture and abandonment and neglects both on the side of the relations and local government.
- After a flamboyant funeral burial the graves headstone, monuments memorial are left unattended what a waste of huge fund.

Heritage value and use of burial grounds

This is a strong case to be made that cemeteries have especial architectural and landscape interest because they have often been trapped in a time warp and have not been modified, adapted, overlaid or even destroyed, as has so much else in the historic environment. This is an argument that is becoming increasingly heard elsewhere in Europe. There are very large number of listed buildings in cemeteries according to the national monuments, record centre including lodges and houses, boundaries, walls, gates, mortuaries chapels, cemetery chapels tombs, and mausoleums.⁷⁹

In the light of all these analysis more light should be throw on “resurrection” according to the Bible book of I Corinthians 15:35 and it reads “But some man will say, how are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? And I Corinthians 15:42-44. “Vs 42, so also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: Vs 43: “ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

Vs 44: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body”. And Revelation 20:13 “And the seas gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judge every man according to their works.

We will also take these last two paragraphs from Kahili “the prophet” on farewell with Almitra the secrets “... Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you. It was but yesterday we met in a dream. You have siding to me in my aloneness, and of your longings have built a tower in the sky.

But now our sleep has fled and our dram is over, and it is no longer dawn. The noontides is upon us and our half waking has turned to fuller day, and we must part. If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing to me a deeper song.

And if our hands should meet in another dream we shall build another tower in the sky. So saying he made a signal to the seaman, and straightway they weighted anchor and cast the ship loose from its mornings, and they moved eastwards.

And a cry came from the people as from a single heart, and it rose into the dusk and was carried out over the sea like a great trumpeting. Only Almitra was silent, gazing after the

ship until it had vanished into the mist. And when all the people were dispersed she still stood alone upon the sea – well remembering in her heart his saying.

“A little while, a moment of rest upon the wind, and another woman shall bear me”.⁸⁰

He humanists, they believes in re-births, reincarnation as the Sikh and Hindus, the Hare Khrishina Temple finally the words of the gravedigger when he said.

“ I come into contact with many people at a serious time, so I have picked up serious conversation. What most folk have once or twice in a lifetime, I have every day. I want to be cremated and my aches thrown in the air straight from the flames to the winds, and let that be that”.⁸¹

All over the world the Navy had sea burial. The business of death, burial, traditions and culture is liken to the business of witchcraft and warding which have no end writing about death is always voluminous as it is unto infinity... Libby Day narrates in the ‘dark places’ concerning death and cremation and burial, and she asked.

“Did she wants to be buried or cremated”? people would ask “who should come to the funeral?” and no one would know the people, whoever they were would just look at each other’s shoe or shoulders until the silence settled in and the someone would put on a pot of coffee briskly and with a fair amount of clatter, coffer goes great with sudden death...⁸²

And the bible book of Ecclesiastes 9:5,10.

Verse 5: “for he living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward, for the memory of them is forgotten”.

Verse 10: “whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest”.⁸³

We shall also be looking at the concept 'war' again to great massacre and mass burial. War as explained by Lynne and Albert in their book "the Last Dance" as 'within the context of ordinary human interaction, our moral and legal codes stand in strict opposition to killing. In war, however, killing is not only accepted, but may be heroic. War abrogates conventional sanctions against killing by substituting a different set of conventions and rules about moral conduct. The expectation that one will kill and, if necessary, die for one's country is a concomitant of war. As Arnold Toynbee says "the fundamental postulate of war, in war, killing is not murder. "... Dalton Trumbo's antiwar novel, "Johnny Got His Gun" a veteran without arms legs ears eyes nose mouth," want to be used as education exhibit want to teach people about war "all there was to know about war" not a war in Newspapers headlines and liberty loan drives... a war that is fought lonesomely in the mud somewhere, a war between a man and a high exposure shell".

Genocide, defined as the effort to destroy an entire nation or human group, occurred with horrendous results during the twentieth century. The Jews were massacred by the "Nazi-German" ethnic cleanser under Adolph Hitler's directive in 1941 and 1945. They were kept in concentration camps in different locations where they were tortured, left without clothing, starved overworked to death, they were emaciated to death.

Nazi – German exterminated 6 million Jews in the Holocaust and killed another 5 million people deemed to be political opponents; mentally ill, retarded somehow genetically inferior. They were buried in mass graves in the different locations.

When Khmer Rouge came to power in Cambodia about 2 million Cambodians died from execution and starvation an example of "antigenocide", a group killing its own people.

The infamous “disappearances” carried out by the military in Argentina resulted in the deaths of as many as 30,000 people.

After the assassination of president of Rwanda in 1994, up to a million people, mainly members of the Tutsi tribe were massacred in an attempt to exterminate them. In the wake of traumatic bereavement from such losses, the repression of grief may contribute to further genocide by perpetuating a cycle of violence focused on revenge. Colin Murray Parkes says, “it is not unreasonable to hope that any action to encourage people to grieve and express their discontent in controlled and safe ways might reduce the risk of uncontrolled violence.

Chivalrous notions of combat, with mounted men – at – arms meeting gallantly to do battle on an uninhabited hill or plain, have been replaced in modern times by the reality of mass technological warfare. According to the International Red Cross, nine out of ten casualties in modern warfare are civilians men, women, and children who simply “got in the way of somebody’s war” according to a United Nations report, during the 1990s alone, nearly two million children were killed and another six million were seriously injured or permanently disabled because of military conflicts. The report goes on to say that, in the year 2000, an estimated 300,000 child soldiers, girls as well as boys, were forcibly recruited as combatants in thirty conflicts around the world. In the so called post war period since 1945, more than 20 million people have died in over one hundred conflicts, and another 60 million or more have been wounded, imprisoned, separated from their families, and forced to flee their homes in their countries. This inhuman misery goes on even as you read these words.

Consequently, in addition to the death and injury directly related to war, a continuing emphasis on ‘militarism’ around the world is singled out as having a variety of deleterious health effects, including poverty, environmental damage, social unrest, political instability,

national debt, and military oppression.⁸⁴ These are examples of mass deaths and mass burial. The atomic bomb, unleashed on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki reduced to ashes.

The families of men and women in military make sacrifices that may go unnoticed... war creates a “phantom army” that is composed of spouses, children parents, and friends who serve invisibly at home”. In this sense, the euphemistic term “collateral damage” encompasses not only the civilian deaths that occur in a war zone, but also the grief experienced by individuals and families whose lives are disrupted by the loss of loved ones serving in the armed forces”.⁸⁵ War is ugly, war is devastating, the propagandist craves war but do not involve himself in the actual realities of warfare, but in the gains, profit and glory he will amass.

Even Libby Day massacred family was cremated”, she found this notes in a friend of a friend apartment”... don't sweat the small stuff, it's all small stuff.\if only we'd stop trying to be happy we'd have a pretty good time. Enjoy life – no one gets out of here alive. Don't worry, be happy.⁸⁶ Therefore, live off sin and disobedience to God's rule love others as you love yourself do the needful and keep on praying to God who answers prayers and loves us dearly.⁸⁷

Conclusion

The subject of death has led to the world depopulation and population of heaven. Since the creation of the world and heaven. By Jehovah Almighty in the Bible Book of Genesis, till now and forever.

The disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden brought ‘Sin’ and ‘death’ and since then mankind has been unable to ‘enjoy life without dying and sicknesses and disease’. Genesis 2:16, 17.

The issue of death was first with 'Abel' Murdered by 'Cain' shows that Satan was just experimenting, he had already been at war with God in heaven and was thrown along with his angels to the earth, he helped in creation of this world and knows its secrets perfectly, now he reigns in the hearts and minds and the conscience of mankind as the king of this world. They even have Satan churches now, where his followers worship. Satan operates in human minds as that loud voice that urges men to confusion and instills fears in our hearts, as God's Holy spirit-the still small voice urging us to do the right things and take the right action(s) and not harbour fear. Satan the deceiver, the originator of sin and death, pain, sorrow, grief, sicknesses and disease, lie-viper tongue and sepulcher throat. Master propagandist, liar, for the bible reference says John 10:10, that "the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Major causes of death, war as a major cause of death is an instrument in international relations or system for settling of disputes and for negotiation. Accidents, deadly distractions, which are major causes of accidents, fire out-breaks, flooding, earthquakes, genocide, germicides, and some minor causes of death – murder, suicide or choice death, assassination, senior killing. The activities of terrorists in Nigeria and the work of ISIS and al-Qaeda terrorist network in the destruction of the 'world trade centre', the Pentagon in a raid with hijacked jets causing destruction of the two towers and killing hundreds of people from over 100 countries around the world, on 9-11-2001 as part of their strategy to achieve their organizational interest. It is also part of Satan's strategy to thwart the work of God on the grand meeting in heaven. Satan promises to lead us back to God by force, but Jesus Christ promises us the 'free agency' he gives the right to make choice and leads us back to heaven. Since then

Satan and his agents has not been at rest are always look for whom to devour, he go to and 'fro' upon the earth with his angels and human agents the loathes the righteous vehemently. They keeps riots, protestations and evil demonstrations and propaganda and terrorism alive in the world. They prepares gas Atomic Bombs and weapons of mass – destructions. They bears false witnesses again their quite, innocent and efficient and effective neighbours and colleagues in the world.

They are Benito Mussolini, the chief propagandist who destroys the world in the world wars. They are spies, there are still wars in the world over anything and all things. Never born of a woman this Satan making people to denies their origins, kills their siblings, parents, wives, husbands family(ies). Pride and arrogant, back stabs ways using others shoulders to climb instead of the normal ladder, disposes others to occupy same position. They are the causes of hoarding produces finished and unfinished goods and services. Thereby, causing inflation, poverty, unemployment, grief and gaps in the nation's economy round the world. The advanced agents are (fake) Pastors, Reverends, Bishops, arch Bishops ministers Deacons and Deaconesses choirs masters and choirs mistresses and so on police, naval, air force, army and other para-military officers in health sectors – health ministers, doctors scientist, pharmacist, known and having the cure to illnesses and diseases (viruses) but withhold the cure(s) so that they can amassed wealth from the suffering of others. Consultants lecturers, teachers who failed other non-natives or tribes, lawyers who defends evils, those in authority and position to promotes truth now perverts Justine, traditional rulers and chiefs and Imams who refuse to judge and speak the truth and delight in evil and revenge. Those who creates stife among relatives, they are greedy Satan is at the helm of

affairs in the nation's political, economic, social, cultural, environmental life of the communities.

The activities of killer gang that killed zion Nwoka family, and the clubbing of a native doctor to death in Port-Harcourt, cultists who shot a lecturer and a female student of Siro Wiwa polytechnic dead, in Port-Harcourt, this is rampant in Nigeria. The murder of Mr. and Mrs. Ejemotfor in Yenogoa, Balyesa. Old ages, the role of negotiation and information and communication technology (ICT). The discovery of electricity "which enables the dissemination of news in both the network Radio, Television, Newspaper magazines in the internet. Applications to far distances around the world, to the watching, the listening and reading public in the world. It helps the heads of states to communicate and take decisive measures secretly and speedily which affects their countries interest, compare to the past, its therefore reduces the role of the diplomatic on the field. The role of ICT in negotiation to ban land mines resulted in the Ottawa's Treats of May 2009. ICT reveals that the NGOs are powerful enough to block government's actions for instance, environmental NGOs and labour unions joined to disrupt. Government attempts to Launch WTO's round in Seattle in November, 1999. And Nigerian protestation in Lekki too-gate in Lagos State, the killing of peaceful Endsars protesters to be known.

Death bring about burial the activities of the gravediggers, the kind and types of coffin. The reasons for burial is that people do not want to part with their dead as long as they could then, they did not care to part with it. Now they can get it out quick enough! Why because of the Stanch some request for post-mortem then death certificate, and lawyer's will by eh dead to be read to the family and associates and to whom it may concern the symbols of death, the different cultures – western, African, Asia and so on. The death bed, and

memorializing the dead. The place of the mourners and the undertakers, the decoration of graves by the slaves during the slave period and their African method of traditional, and culture burial in the New world, which is the might burial and drinking and partying the western culture also decorates graves with wreaths and flowers.

The proliferations of graves in Nigeria, Africa and beyond the different symbols of death, most strongly associated with symbols that express the core life values sacred to a society, the symbols of hair dos, the significant of food the burial of the rich are buried in values in Europe, the burials in churchyard. The Christian beliefs and practices, believes one god the Hinder cremation customs and rites, the humanist burial. They make huge flamboyant financial burials causing economic wastages of valuable funds, and the Jewish funeral customs and beliefs about death. They belief in one God and that there is only one life to be lived. Muslim burial customs and rites Muslims believes that there is one God, Allah. There is only one life to be lived the Sikh cremation customs and rites believe that death is welcomed as opening the door to the complete union with God. Then the philosophy of African burial in the ancestral land was also look at the graveyards, cemeteries of the Athenians and Periches funeral speech during the war, fake graves and head stones, patriarchy last wish/ will there is also methodology of burial for the dead globally it also include “the death of a youth, child, miscarriages and ‘Abortions’”. The roles of the coroners and social media in the funeral industries the giving of service of songs in Christian burial music, poem, durges and other DJ’s music’s and choir songs and hymns.

In the concluding chapter we have looked at the unattended unsafe near abandonment of the cemeteries and the activities of hoodlums ritualists, robbers, assassins, babalawos, cattle-rearers. These reasons and more lead to the proliferations of graves at homes in Edo State,

Nigeria and beyond. The economic importance of burial in the world-in the different culture the importance are of both positive and negative economically. The burial of statesmen the exhumation of already burial corpse the legal status of burial, the different grades of cemeteries, and burial, cremation, and the burial of cremated remains.

There is also the discrimination between choice of grave and cremation. Coming back home to Edo State and Benin, we have looked at the cemeteries in Benin. The heritage value and use of burial grounds, this is a strong case to be made that cemeteries have especial architectural and landscape interest.

The place of coffee in mourning, flunky as this may be is very present in western culture. The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything In the grave whither thou goest”.

Looking at war again as “Arnold Toynbee says “the fundamental postulate of war, in wars, killings is not murder. A veteran wants to teach people about war, “ not a war in Newspaper headlines and liberty loan drives and a war that is fought consomely in the mud somewhere, a war between a man and a high explosive shell”.

Genocide, antigenicide, assassination of Rwanda president, massacre of Tutsi tribe attempt at extermination, systematic “disappearances of citizens by the military in Argentina; the forcibly recruitment of boys and girls solider as combatants resulted to huge death in conflicts around the world. The bombing of Hiroshima to ashes are all the grand works of the propagandist who does not fight in a war with it euphemistic term “collateral damage for both the family f who serves and those that serves in the armed forces.

Finally, the question need be asked “if I die how do I want to be buried, if you die how do you want to be buried natural burial and cremation. The whole essence of this world

we, you and I, is birth, growth, cultivation of the land, that is earth, learning, working, marriage, rebirth, deaths and burials. This world is actually perfectly laid out or planned by Almighty Jehovah creator of the universe, in the environment, ecology, cultures, traditions, economic, social. Agricultural, political and religious life which brings in daily mysteries and testimonies.

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