

BOOK REVIEW

How Africa Developed Europe: A Review of Nkwazi Nkuzi Mhango's deconstructing the HIS-STORY of Africa, Excavating Untold Truth and what ought to be done and Known

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I

How Africa Developed Europe

As succinctly put by Achebe “The last four or five hundred years of European contact with Africa produced a body of literature that presented Africa in a very bad light and Africans in a very lurid terms. It is therefore, shrouded with fabrications, lies and above all, distortions that European bigots created in order to discredit Africa. For those who have the indigenous knowledge of the people would understand how the history Europe wrote about Africa is against academic tenets due to the fact that researching on somebody living; and publishing the findings without his or her consent is totally unethical. To make matters worse, these bigots fabricated such toxic versions that sadly though have been taken as truth while they actually are mere lies that sought to justify Europe's criminality against Africa. This is very important due to the fact that wherever winners write history of their victims, they commit many injustices to the losers as it is in the case of Africa which needs to write the history of the loser. European bigots were able to dupe the world by fabricating all mendacities about Africa; and got away with murder for a long time simply because Africans did not rebut their “his-story”.

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Dispute this fact, Europe has never admit or appreciated the role of Africa in bringing about its development.

Amukowa and Ayuya in proving their point above visited the history of his-story of Africa as it was dubiously authored by European. However, it is nothing but his-story of Africa which represents the European archaic, colonial and patriarchal Europe. Achebe's quote as seen above succinctly reflects on the big and true picture of what can be said to be behind the development of European, as opposed to the underdevelopment of Africa. The naked truth about Europe's development has never truly come out for every eye to see how it came into being; because many bigoted European and partly Asian thinkers and writers told a one-sided story that, on the one hand, glorified Europe while it belittled and demonized Africa on the other hand.

This was a preamble of the story of Africa and its his- story due to the fact that what is now known as the history of Africa is the product of his (European's) story with all its bigotry and fabrications. Hence the True history of Africa is still untold.

II

How Europe Decreated and Reinvented Africa Ready for Exploitation

As Walter Rodney states the use of comparison criteria, "Africa today is underdeveloped compared to Western Europe, and existing functions are no longer through separate developments in Africa on the one hand and Europe on the other. It is not that it was achieved by exploitation". For Europe, all the benefits of improvement come from the exploitative dating that existed and still exists between them and Africa.

European settlers have used special approaches and equipment to achieve their evil goals in Africa. As such, they first introduced a foreign belief in Africa that was essentially traumatic and that has continued to divide Africa to this day. It is best to be able to call them powerful when the high abilities of people and humans are advancing.

Europeans built on this foundation realized that they could not achieve a parasitic rendezvous with Africa without first and substantially destroying their brains. For this reason, the main mechanism used by Europeans was the "mind drain" approach. This is a fake to subsidize an international site in Africa. The most common use of the weight of his teachers and Snoopie people is probably due to their exploitative and parasitic dating.

Apart from that, they (Europe) were busy robbing Africa to help. For example, Nduluas, captured in Mann in 2017, states that Africa will lose nearly \$ 17. US \$ 5 billion annually through Mindrain, compared to the top US \$ 4 billion that Africa received with technical assistance from Europe. Europe is currently not the most successful in exploitative parasitic behavior, but they have previously undergone a mind-drain approach and have opened a major door to China and India, which are now taking the same approach at annually. .. In 2005, captured by McCormick (2008), China awarded 15600 scholarships to 52 African international sites.

Therefore, we will see all of the above situations in China, within the scope of a request for help or useful resources. So this is exactly the form of the beneficial resource given to Africa by China and India, a parasitic, exploitative and useful resource. Africa is getting poorer and richer at the same time, exporting unemployed people to Africa and taking on jobs from Africans and even ordinary workers and workers.

Europe has attracted experts from under Africa's so-called mind drain, as China and India are busy exporting unemployed troops to Africa and taking on sneaky jobs. This is how we see the exploitative dating between Africa and Europe in the call for generosity.

III

How Robbing Africa Developed Europe

The astronomic and exponential development of Europe is praised and referenced as a standard for other countries mostly the so-called Dark Continent of the World. These are three evils that gave boost to Europe's development. Through slavery, Africans were used as human labor to work for Europe. The Berlin conference where Europe placed Africa on a table like a carcass and shared it among the European vulture was meant to prevent the European exploiters from fighting against themselves while they stole African's natural resources and manpower for the development of Europe.

Today, the patches of African descent who are indigenes of different countries of Europe, bear testimony to the fact that Africa was once forced out of their land to Europe for labor and other inhuman labors. Africans were both used as human shields and fighters in the numerous in-fight of Europe against herself which they dubbed the world war, but which were in essence European wars. Most of the raw materials needed for that senseless and needless wars were siphoned from Africa. Thus, Africa gave all to save Europe from extinction. But the truth is that African's development was used by Europe to develop themselves and shield themselves from extinction.

Millions of Africans died defending the Europe, not their Africa, from the destructions of the wars. But the question is: how can Europe be the African messiah when the decades of colonial rules and neocolonialism, has rather depleted the socio-economic growth of the Africans all the more? Till date, Africa is still the place where raw materials that sustain the industrialization of Europe are gotten. Hence, it was Africa that saved Europe from annihilation. Unfortunately, till the day, Africa has globally been used for the interest of Europe.

One thing evident here is that Europe is not the superpower they are taken to be and they are not the harbinger of African development but the harbinger of African miseries. Among the ills that Europe has inflicted on Africa, one is that they made themselves the determinant of the African's developmental policies. These developmental policies are so crafted to continue to keep Africa

down while Europe basks and enriches itself through it. Thus, Europe often photocopy its developmental policies and enforces them in Africa, the cultural differences notwithstanding.

While it is true that Africans have been hexed to believe that Europe is supremely developed and will, in turn, enhance her development, Africans should shake themselves off the European carryovers that were given to them at the time of independence. Africa should wake herself up from the developmental stupor that Europe lulled her into.

But one thing that Africa should bear in mind is that, every colonialism, whether from the West or Eastern blocs, and now from Asia bloc comes with exploitative interest and imperialistic agenda. It is also laughable to believe that Europe achieved its developmental feat without the huge contribution of Africans since till date, Africa is still the highest consumer of processed food from Europe. The stories of Africa were written with so much bias that it projected to the world that Africa is poor because of the Africans. Europe is known for twisting his-stories to suit their exploitative whim.

It is a known fact that when Europe arrived in Africa, many Africans helped them to explore various sources of resources. But Europe never admitted this in their biased and derivative histories about Africa that they would not have successfully explored Africa with the help of Africans especially the academicians who were deceived to believe that they were creating a launch pad for Africa and Europe's economic harmony. But as usual, Europe has always wanted the world to believe that whatever they are today, especially their developmental quantum leap, was to the credit of their adroitness and labor, while in principle and practice, they hijacked the people's prowess. Another twist of history is the lie that Europe discovered Africa.

Therefore, if the story that Europe discovered Africa is to hold water, it must be considered that there was no living being in Africa, it was a terra nullius. The story that Africans were uncivilized and not advanced is a lie. If there is anything that Europe brought to Africa, it is colonialism, slavery, injustice, bribery, corruptions, inequality, wars etc. The truth that Europe has tried to play down is that Africa was advanced in its manner and aspiration far before Europeans entered it.

Europe destroyed African's developmental leap because they were afraid of having her as an economic rival. The power and economic differentials created by Europe to lower Africa's self-esteem have made the Africans especially their leaders to see themselves as sub-human and servant to Europe. Europe and even some Arab countries proudly export their products including cultural products to Africa, while Africa cannot do the same because of lack of self-esteem engendered by power differentials. Despite evidence that Africa is not left out of the scientific invention, such as nuclear reactors discovered in Oklo, Gabon in 1972, Europe still sees Africa as those scientifically bereft.

But the truth is that Africa had their sciences that sustained them up until they were destroyed after the introduction of slavery and colonialism. Europe has always intellectually discriminated against Africa. Whenever a historical monument is found in Africa, they are either attribute to Jews or any Arab country. It is the same Europe that depicted Africans to be mentally behind that at the same time asserts that Africa is the cradle of the human race and civilization. This shows how the story can be construed with bias against the Africans

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How Missionaries Spread Toxic Gospel in Africa

This is because of the miseries and double-trouble dilemma missionaries created through preaching the so-called word of God. Through the word of God, Europe was able to destroy African civilization, cultures, history, and ways of life. For, the first time, Africa was robbed of its identity through the introduction of European names under the exergies of religion. This becomes provocative, particularly if we consider the fact that those who altered Africans' identity did it purposely to colonize and thereby exploit them.

Due to the poison missionaries injected into Africa by destroying and demonizing its ways of life, there are some crucial knowledge and skills that Africa lost therefrom. Looking at it holistically, Africa lost in many areas such as religion, science and worldview. Apart from, inter alia, art, culture, food and music, all African medicinal practices and sciences were felled; and thereby

deemed demonic. Further, to prove how Africa developed Europe, I refer to how Western artificial fertilizers are killing Africa's soil not to mention killings small farmers (Vanlauwe and Giller 2006).

To control and colonize Africa eternally, Europe has controlled and dominated Africa's minds be they in arts and science. To make the business of fleecing Africa for the development of Europe easy, Europe made sure that almost all of its stooges in power were above the constitutions of their countries. Apart from economic or material domination and exploitation, Europe has benefited from Africa intellectually. For example, when it comes to African *crème de la crème* of all kinds, under brain drain, Africa stands to lose while Europe stands to keep on gaining more and more at the detriment of Africa.

When it comes to controlling Africa, Europe made sure that it controls Africa in all aspects of life so as to be able to keep on exploiting it. Apart from economic and political control, Europe exerted its control socially by using things such as religion, fashion and media. Missionaries were hidden spies who reported back to their home governments about the behaviours and secrets of Africans so that it could be easy for their home countries to use whatever weakness unearthed to occupy and rule Africa. However, there are three types of elites in this category namely, political, academic and hermaphrodite ones to mean those used by the first group to exploit their countries as opposed to the second group that oppose the betrayal of Africa.

This is why such elites were, and are still allowed to rule countries nearly in every aspect of life all over the world. If there is anything the world political calibration shares is nothing but the roles elites play in the business of the state and society altogether. Knowing the important roles elites play in any society, colonial powers decided to create them for Africa so that they could be used to indirectly rule Africa on their behalf as it came to be. Almost all post-colonial African presidents were

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How Democracy is a Double-Edged Sword

If democracy goes hand in hand with development, no doubt that Africa was more democratic than before the arrival of European Colonizers than it currently is. Europe introduced democracy that was a typical replica of its own not to mention being new to Africa. There cannot be any sense of a true democracy whereby one Part at the world dictates or Funds another without any mutual reciprocity as it currently is between Africa and Europe. Europe needs to treat Africa democratically to teach her how to do things.

Many ask, how did Post-Colonial African governments fall into the trap of Western Democracy?, Some reply that, because Africans had been ruled undemocratically for many years, so African Post-colonial government thought that now they could become developed like their masters without underscoring the hardship this ploy may pose to newly independent countries - forgetting that true democracy cannot function well in poverty. Poor countries cannot guarantee human material rights, forgot ting that democracy, just like any doctrine is a cultural thing that aims at serving a certain purpose or purposes and "cannot be captured in one model that fulfills the same functions and provides the same meanings across the societies". If you ask African rulers the essence of democracy, they will tell you that it is about the government elected by the majority. These are among the questions ruling elites and their citizens did not ask, ponder on and after introducing the concept of democracy, let us now look at some important issues pertaining to democracy, specifically its definitions and meaning.

The major question readily asked is: Who defines this *means* that academics, especially African academics, in whatever field(s) in crafting their definitions. If we are to apply such a rationale, let us say in questioning the definition of democracy, the lack of right answers to democracy gave Europe yet another chance to rule Africa indirectly by making sure that democracy is used to their advantage. Thus the definition and meaning of democracy, According to Enslin and Horsthemke (2004) Maintains that "democracy is notoriously difficult to define, the meaning of democracy has remained and probably will always remain, unsettled. African democracy is distinct and unique which makes sense without using the lenses of superiority and duplicity that the Europeans has always superimposed on others.

Europe Killed African democracy in other to give room for its own brand of democracy that serves it but does not serve Africa. If democracy is supposed to be unique but not homogenous due to

the fact the needs of Countries and traditions differ according to time, this brings us to the natural African democracy that existed before the introduction of flimflam and harmful Western democracy. Ironically, while Europe has always made Africa to believe that it is how to deliver Justice to the Majority in Africa, it is just a typical system that is there to make Africans believe that they are now at Par with Europe Politically while they are not. For Europe, it is how the majority can call rulers to account. This is because democracy has different meanings and uses between Europe and Africa.

VI

How Africa's Underdevelopment Became a Myth to Save Europe

With the understanding of underdevelopment and knowledge of development, Africa has been under the ploy of developing itself but due to their interrelated problems, it has not been resolved and achieved. The question we are asking is: Is Africa truly and desperately dependent, poor, and underdeveloped as its detractors have always ridiculously defined it? However, the answer to the question of why Africa is underdeveloped may differ from one person to another, of all, Africa needs to provide not only an answer but also an accurate answer. While many academics have tackled the problems resulting from so-called Africa's underdevelopment, much remains to be seen vis-à-vis providing the accurate and pragmatic answer that will be employed to do away with such a manmade impasse. The move to move Africa out of the Western-defined underdevelopment academically speaking needs to start theoretically and then pragmatically all based on dynamic human nature.

It is therefore, from this milieu that this chapter seeks to challenge the so-called Africa's underdevelopment that has ignored its root causes emanating from colonialism and slavery that Europe carried out on Africa for many decades. Hereunder, I explore some aspects of defining Africa as an underdeveloped continent while it is richly endowed and sits on immense resources such as rivers, people, markets, minerals, gas, oil, fertile land, and forests, among others that have always benefited unthankful Europe. One of the biggest problems in Africa today is corruption. When this happens, the government and people become disorganized and lose motivation to develop.

The problem here is that impoverished African governments can't invest enough money into health care, education, infrastructure, etc. This kind of problem is widespread in the continent today, which causes underdevelopment in Africa. Many African governments have implemented policies that prevent the continent from developing. This is because African countries often lack the resources needed to govern themselves effectively.

It is estimated that 60% of the African population is between 15 and 24 years old, which creates a 'youth bulge.' This means there are many young people in Africa today. This causes severe social problems because young people become frustrated when not develop their lives. This frustration grows when they see other people succeeding without working hard, which means enormous pressure on some individuals to succeed in Africa today.

Most African countries have an insufficient infrastructure. The lack of infrastructure in Africa today is a big obstacle for development because it limits people's ability to do business across borders. This means there are fewer opportunities for work, which leads to unemployment and poverty throughout the continent. Many countries in Africa also have problems with teachers who are not adequately trained or paid enough money. Illiteracy is common in Africa today, limiting the development of people throughout the continent.

VII

How Aid Became another European Hypnotic Tool in Africa

Central to the development of European countries is the slave trade; hence Africans were myopically robbed of her human resources. The role of the African man toward the industrial revolution of the European country cannot be over emphasized hence there cannot be fire without smoke, that is, Africa was the sole propeller that made the revolution a success for they (Africans) worked while the Europeans sat down comfortable to design machines that will take over from the manual indulgence by the blacks in order to hasten their productions. Thus, we could infer from the writer that the Africans play a role of developing Europe via; supplying raw materials as cited by Mhango (2015). This means that the Africans gave Europe her starting point (take off point) in her desire to build industries.

Hence Mhango (2015) brought to our conscious mind the very important role the slave trade added to the development of European countries. Slave trade play a very significant role in the

industrial revolution as it is not devoid of Africa's manpower. The slave ship helped to export millions of Africans to the Americas to help in the agrarian revolution in the Americas and the industrial revolution in Europe simultaneously. Furthermore, we cannot holistically project the role of Africans to the westerners without engaging in the unruly act of colonization and neocolonialism.

As such, Soyinka cited in Ojo (2015) concurs with Mhango maintaining that Africa became underdeveloped due to "the twin evils of slavery and colonialism inflicted by the Western world" (109); also see Koivula (2006); and Nunn (2008); Arowolo (2010); and Mhango (2017) who, as well, argued that the introduction of slavery and colonialism gave Europe an advantage to develop while Africa underdeveloped. Nunn and Puga (2012) answer the question by maintaining that "the slave trade had adverse effects on subsequent economic development because they weakened indigenous political structures and institutions, and promoted ethnic and political fragmentation" (2). How can the thug's definition of development define mine accurately while it means my underdevelopment? It is hypocritical and a big lie; to allow and expect criminals who colonized enslaved and robbed Africa to justly and judiciously define development for their victims, in particular at the time their crimes are still committed by extension under whatever system and doctrine such as co-liberalism, globalism, capitalism; you name it. D) Trade and development has estimated that each migrating African professional represents a loss of \$184,000 to Africa, and the financial cost to South Africa is estimated as \$37million. Thus historically records show that Africa did trade with Asia many years before Europe became aware of it.

Unequivocally, the decadences caused by the European to Africa are quite numerous hence we cannot limit the role of Africa to westerners to just; the source of raw materials, colonialism, and neocolonialism but also to the academic realm. The unjust deprivation of work to qualified Africans in Europe is another level of exploitation to Africa thereby serving as a means of developing the European countries. The westerners brought the democratic system of politics as a means to an end (extortion of Africa's wealth). Hence we could say that capitalism and democracy were, and is a medium of extortion used by the developed country so to say to underdeveloped Africa.

It goes nowhere except to the purse of the westerners, hence we Africa want to show and prove ourselves worthy of an obedient servants and sons to the Europeans. Before colonialism, Africa believed and depended on the help of western countries, for a long African countries have depended on foreign aid. As developing countries without enough resources of their own, African countries inevitably need additional aid resources. Africa's long reliance on foreign aid has emanated in part from the advice of its development partners.

Africa's dependence on foreign aid, however, comes with costs. Aid resources have not matched Africa's vast development needs, particularly relating to building physical and human capital. Aid has increased the continent's indebtedness whose high servicing costs have diverted resources away from development and social projects. Bureaucracy and volatility in aid delivery have often curtailed or frustrated African development budgets.

Further, aid tying in the form of forced purchases from supplying countries and imposition of policy conditionalities, has often not served the interests of African countries. Africa's long dependence on foreign aid has created moral hazard by breeding complacency and apathy in seeking alternative sources of mobilizing development resources. The domestic capital market can provide long-term funds for the budget and other developmental activities in the key sectors of the economy. Aid has not only been inadequate for Africa's development needs, but it has also been unpredictable and volatile, frustrating African countries' budgets.

Aid has created large indebtedness for Africa, the servicing of which has entailed considerable costs. Further, aid tying in the form of purchases from donor countries and imposition of policy conditionalities has not always served Africa's interests Many African countries have low incomes. It is sad but true to say that few African countries cannot leave without foreign aid not because such African states are not self-sufficient but because they have been lackadaisical and myopic in their understanding to decipher that aid is one of the major feathers of the wing of neo-colonialism.

VIII

How Europe and Vatican Colluded In Robbing Africa

Here we are made to understand that there is something that the African nations took for granted and those things are the things that the European nations use for development, and those things have cost

Africa a whole lot of a great deal. Religion: Since the introduction of religion in Africa, the problem started and the writer also views it from the Christian point of view and Catholicism in particular, where religion was used to spy on Africa, to checkmate what resources Africans were having and they were using the missionaries to do that work, among other colonial agents. Christianity was also used as a tool for cultural destruction that condemned the African culture to ungodliness e. g. after the introduction of Christianity, the European use that means to spy on Africa using the missionaries, all this led to the colonization of Africa, which led to the European exploiting African.

This so-called religion led to the introduction of the missionary schools, where some students are trained and afterward they were also handed over power all in the name of independence, even the schools were also spying on other institutions and some of the Africans that went through these schools ended up being corrupted, the missionaries ended up playing an important role in destroying the African souls. Also, we note that the missionaries occupy so many areas of the land e.g. In Uganda where the ownership of land was abolished and the land was only offered to kings, chiefs, churches, and the colonial state, this corruption helped the European in so many ways even in slavery. This type of rule helped the colonizers to collect money in the name of tax and not even provide any social service that the legitimate government used to provide and even the church did not defend those whose land was taken away, how could they defend them when they are part of the crime? When these people were rather landless, the church now started using them as a workforce and does not even pay and what they give just changes that could help them pay taxes to the colonial masters, these missionaries were so trusted in Africa. And from the standpoint of the writer, he said whatever the missionaries thought in their schools "was from a racist standpoint that whatever came from Europe was good and useful, and whatever came from Africa was reverse or not worthy of studying".

In all of this, the Roman Catholic church through the Holy See is supposed to apologize to the whole African countries for the role it's play in helping the colonial masters and also to emulate him who they claim to be emulating (Jesus Christ) and to teach morality just as he is a good teacher not to always be talking to people about morality while the site on morality.

Africa as a nation, her problem started when they accepted the white man and this was because the African person believed that in her dealing with humans it is based on the ethical conduct as belief by her traditions. Avenge the children of Israel of the Medians: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. And the children of Israel took captive the women of Median and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey.

Besides exploiting positive moral energy like kindness or generosity, religion often redirects moral disgust and indignation, attaching these emotions to arbitrary religious rules rather than questions of real harm. In the most conservative sects of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, women are seen as more virtuous if they let God manage their family planning. This attitude harms society at large as well as individuals. When today's largest religions came into existence, ordinary people had little power to change social structures either through technological innovation or advocacy.

Living well and doing good were largely personal matters. Structural problems can be ignored as long as the believer is kind to friends and family and generous to the tribal community of believers. Religions seek power. Religions are man-made institutions, just like for-profit corporations are. And like any corporation, to survive and grow a religion must find a way to build power and wealth and compete for market share. And just like for-profit behemoths, they are willing to wield their power and wealth in the service of self-perpetuation; even it harms society at large. In fact, unbeknown to religious practitioners, harming society may be part of a religion's survival strategy.

IX

How Can Africa Heed Its Wake-Up Call

The African economy remains underdeveloped despite decades of conceptualizing, formulating and implementing various types of economic policies and programmes, the African region contains a growing share of the world's absolute poor with little power to influence the allocation of resources. These include: the 1980 Lagos Action Plan; the 1986-1990 Priority Programme of Economic Redressing of Africa (PPREA) adopted by the OAU in 1985 and the complementary UN Programme for the Economic Redressing and Development of Africa; ECA Alternative Structural Adjustment Programme for Africa; and the African Scope of Reference for SAPS for Socio-Economic

Redressing and Transformation. This paper aims to show how the combination of peace, good governance would lead to economic transformation and wise up of call for African countries to wise up. This chapter aims to be a Wake-up call for African Countries to wise up, and be in charge and self-reliant of themselves and stop depending on another Countries' economies like European continent.

The development of African Countries lies in the hands of Africans. African Countries have pointlessly over and above believed in and lived on and rich countries mostly European have extended to them in order to make them believe that they cannot do without it. This is a Strategy of Keeping them at bay not to mention Shifting their attention to their true path of development based on the history of exploitation of two. Africa is a continent that can rely on its economies for development but the weakness of African lies in the hands of its donors/leaders which turn African as a realist on another Country. Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar and other African Countries are been defined by European and Switzerland that African Countries are still classified as underdeveloped. Suppose Africa redefines its economy modal based on its aspirations, needs and time. Africa is not as technologically developed as Europe is currently. Given that Africa has never had any say in price setting, it needs to produce what it can have a say on and consume altogether first.

In conclusion, Europe did not follow Rostow's development straightjacket which Africa is forced to slink into. How can Africa develop by highly consuming massively while all it consumes comes from abroad? How do you aim at massive consumption before creating a home base for producing what is supposed to be massively consumed? I would argue that we need to industrialize based on our home needs before thinking about mass consumption. Telling Africa that it needs to highly consume massively without producing what it produces is as dangerous as telling the lions to massively consume goats or cows. Further, I think Africa has to follow its unique trajectory based on its culture and history.

Mhango has demonstrated succinctly that what is wrong with Africa trying its own methods based on the salvaged remnants of African history that will shed light on how Africa was able to live for millions of years without necessarily depending on Europe as a remedy to the underdevelopment saga?

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