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List of Publications

Chapters in Books

1. E. A. Falaiye and V. O. Aitufe “Religious Resources Management: A contemporary approach” in C. O. Isiramen (ed.), *Issues in Religious Studies and Philosophy*. Ibadan: En-joy Press and Books, 2010. Pp 211-243
2. V. O. Aitufe “Educational challenges in Nigeria: Philosophical-Theological perspective” in J.A. Onimhawo (ed.), *Human and Religious Development in Nigeria: Theoretical and Methodological Issues*. Ibadan: Safmos Publishers, 2011. Pp48-72
3. Peter O. O. Ottuh and V. O. Aitufe “Scrutinizing Scales of Kidnapping in Nigeria: The Edo State Experience” In *The Humanities and the Dynamics of African Culture in the 21st Century*. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017. 395-409

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1. Rev. Fr. J. A. Onimhawo and V. O. Aitufe “Prospects and Challenges of Integrating Women in the Nigerian Political System: A Moral Evaluation” *Journal of Arts and Education* 2(2), December, 2012): 10-15
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2. V. O. Aitufe “ Witchcraft, Women and Poverty: A critical Assessment of cases in Uhumwonde Local Government Area of Edo State” *Journal of Arts and Social Science* vol.1, No 1, February, 2008. 11-33
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5. V. O. Aitufe “Causes of Divorce: A Biblical Evaluation” *Journal of Industrial Education and Training (JIET)* vol. 1, December, 2010. 137-148
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8. Don. Akhilomen and V. O. Aitufe “Emerging Trend of Sexual Assault in Nigeria: A moral evaluation”. *SAU Journal Of Humanities* Vol.2 (3&4) February, 2016.

On-Going Research:

1. E.A. Falaiye and V. O. Aitufe “Women Education: Its progress, Impacts and prospects in Nigeria”.
2. V. O. Aitufe “The Challenges of Single Motherhood in Nigeria: A Religio-Social Evaluation”.
3. National Integration-Programmes, Polices and Contradictions: A Ethico-Moral Assessment

Academic Conferences Attended With Dates:

1. National Association of Women in Academic (NAWACS) ZONE 8 Inaugural/Conference-University of Benin “Deviance: “Undiscipline behaviour of students in tertiary institution in Nigeria” 18th -21st November, 2001.
2. National Association of Women in Academic (NAWACS) International Conference “Impacts of Vocational Skill Acquisition on Women Standard of Living in Edo State”. Ahmedu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, 2nd -7th September, 2002.
3. Ambrose Alli University, Faculty of Arts International Conference “The Role of the Home in Building a Sustainable Nation: A Religio- Moral Perspective”, 24th -26th ,2010.

4. University of Ghana Business School, University of Ghana
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5. Ambrose Alli University, Faculty of Arts International Conference
 - (a) P. O.O. Ottuh and V. O. Aitufe “Scales of Good and Evil of kidnapping in Nigeria: The Edo State Experience”. March 11th -14th, 2014.
 - (b) Don. Akhilomen and V. O. Aitufe “Emerging Trend of Sexual Assault in Nigeria: A moral evaluation”. March 11th -14th, 2014.
 - (c) J. A. Onimhawo and V. O. Aitufe “Nigerian youths and Electoral Violence: A Religio-Moral Appraisal”. March 11th - 14th, 2014.
6. V. O. Aitufe First Faculty Of Arts International Conference
Adekunle Ajasin University Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria, “Relevance of Humanities and National Development: A Religio-Moral Perspective”. June 27-30, 2016.
7. V. O. Aitufe “African Culture, Civilization and Its Ripple Effects”. Redeemer’s University, Ede, Osun State, The 6th Toyin Falola International Conference (TOFAC), 4th -7th July, 2016.

8. V. O. Aitufe “Modernity, Marriage and Family Values in Nigeria: A Critique”. Nigerian Association For The Study of Religion (NASR) September 19th -22nd, 37th Annual Conference,
9. V. O. Aitufe “Religion, Culture and Violence: Nigerian Women at the Receiving End”. Babcock University Ilisan Remo, Ogun State International 2nd-4th October, 2016.
10. V. O. Aitufe “The Nigerian Working Woman in Her Circle of Circles” Babcock University Ilisan Remo, Ogun State International 2nd – 4th October, 2016.
11. V.O. Aitufe “Fundamental Issues In National Development: A Critique” Ambrose Alli University Chapter 1st International Conference of the National Association of Women Academics (NAWACS), 2ND – 5TH May, 2017.
12. V. O. Aitufe and T.E.M. Oderotor “Religion and National Development: A Critique”. Ambrose Alli University Chapter 1st International Conference of the National Association of Women Academics (NAWACS), 2ND -5TH May, 2017.
13. V. O. Aitufe “Relevance of “Religion in the Era of Science: A Pragmatist Perspective” Socioint17 4th International Conference on Education, Social Sciences and Humanities, 10-12 July, 2017, Dubai.

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- i. Assistant Hall Warden, Igbinedion Girls Hall of Residence, 2003.

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- iv. Departmental Welfare Chairman, 2013 to date
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- vi. Faculty of Arts, Ambrose Alli University: Committee on Strategic Plan June 10, 2016.
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SCELECTED ABSTRACTS

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AFRICAN CULTURE, WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND ITS RIPPLE EFFECTS

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ABSTRACT

It is clear that western civilization has brought great benefits to the African soil. However, a vacuum exists in the conflict of cultural identity of Africans today. Conflicting mores and expectations shrived the native communal fabric, so much so that there is a desire in some quarters today to turn away from “everything” that is considered foreign, exotic, imposed or imported. This paper critically examines the issue of western civilization and its multiplier effects particularly on the socio-cultural, political and economic lives of Nigerians as well as her developmental goals and visions. The methodologies adopted are both primary and secondary sources. At least one hundred questionnaires will be distributed across all fields of endeavour, using simple percentages for analysis of data. This paper observes that in spite of the nation’s vast and enormous natural and human resources endowment base, she is presently rated along with countries that can be referred to as failed States due to the simple fact that she refuses to recognize and appreciate her unique culture. The paper concludes that there are both positive and negative effects of western civilization, and counsels that the positive aspects should be harmonized with the best in African culture, rather than rejecting anything that is foreign. The paper therefore, recommends that to resolve the issue of cultural and identity conflicts, there is need for cultural reorientation and revival with a view to adapting foreign policy options and technology to the unique culture and socio-political backgrounds of the people.

KEY WORDS: Africa, Civilization, Culture, Harmonization and Ripple Effects.

Relevance of Religion in the era of science: A pragmatic Perspective

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Abstract

This paper appraises the relevance of religion in this era of science preference. Its focus is to identify and emphasize on the positive role of religion which are catalyst to human and societal growth and development. A multi-dimensional approach to research which include historical, descriptive, analytical and evaluative in addition to secondary sources were adopted. This paper is evaluated using the philosophical theory of pragmatism as the theoretical framework. Thus, the study is examined under four broad headings: religion before the era of science, the place of religion in human and national affairs, possible areas of interaction and collaboration between science and religion and how religion can be made more relevant in this 21st century through its liberal teaching. This paper discovers that Nigeria can only achieve appropriate, appreciable and balanced development if the adopted policy of 60:40 ratios in favour of science- based disciplines as against the humanities in Nigerian University system is reversed without further delay. The paper concludes that rather than neglect or abandon the Religious Studies, it can collaborate with Sciences in the best interest of the Nigerians for accelerated national development. The paper therefore recommends that religious studies should be taught in such a way that its knowledge can be related to the present realities of the nation's needs.

Key words: Humanities, Multi-Religious, National development, Pragmatism and Relevance.

EMERGING TREND OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN NIGERIA: A MORAL EVALUATION

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Moral problems are perennial features of human beings. The human race at one time or the other, whether developed or under-developed are confronted with moral problems that cannot be ignored. One of such problems is that of incessant rape which is currently plaguing Nigeria as a nation, particularly the Southern part. Sexual assault (rape) in Nigeria today is fast becoming an embarrassing phenomenon. Using a multidimensional methodological approach, this paper explores and critically evaluates the remote and immediate possible causes of the present widespread activities of rapists in the Southern part of Nigeria; it highlights its effects, possible remedies and reflects on its impacts on the dignity, integrity and security of the Nigerian female. Basic findings of this study include that the security of Nigerian female, the sanctity of human sexuality and the dignity of womanhood are all threatened and almost eroded by the activities of rapists. The paper posits that, the only potent cure for this degrading and oppressive anti-social human behavior is an umbrella of psycho-spiritual, political, social, and economic security spread over the nation, facilitated by a responsible government in order to promote and guarantee peaceful co-existence.

Key words: EMERGING TREND, SEXUAL, ASSAULT AND MORAL EVALUATION

African Leaders and Development- Retrospect, Prospect and Challenges: A Pragmatic View

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Questions about the role and position of the African State are not new, but today they are being asked with increased emphasis. The reasons for this vary with the position and perspective of the questioner, but they often show a concern about capacity and performance, about styles and orientations of leadership, and about the measure of representativeness and legitimacy which African Governments enjoy within the society at large. In short, a strong current of opinion believes that there is a problem with the African state, and this has recently led to much discussion as to what its proper role is or should be, as well as fostering a variety of proposed and actual interventions by international organizations and consultants to help 'solve' the problem. A multi dimensional approach to research which include historical, observational, analytical and evaluative are adopted, in addition to secondary source of information. The paper recommends that the African leaders must be original in their ideas and ensure compatibility and adaptability to the culture of the people. Finally, the paper concludes that rather than being self-serving, the interest of the general public should be uppermost in their agenda. This is evaluated using the pragmatic model.

KEY WORDS: African, Development, interventions, Leaders and Pragmatism.

African Intellectuals and Development-Impacts and Challenges: A Philosophical Perspective.

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Abstract

The focus of this paper is the overview of the history, fate, and possible roles of African intellectuals both within Africa and in the Africa in Diaspora. The main contributions of the continent's most eminent thinkers politically, economically and socially to the African state will be reviewed. The uniquely difficult circumstances confronting them which include regimes intolerant of independent debate, economies in sharp decline, society's wracked violent conflict, and official languages different from people's mother tongues. Africa has experienced, compared with Asia or Latin America, much higher rates of emigration of its intelligentsia to North America and Europe as well as frequent displacement from home countries to other parts of the continent. A multi dimensional approach to research which include historical, observational, analytical and evaluative are adopted. Besides, the secondary sources of information were also adequately explored. The discovered that the relationship of African intellectuals to nationalism and pan-African project have not been too cordial and therefore recommends that to bridge this gap, the language question and the social gulf that have major barriers must be serious seriously considered.

KEY WORD: Africa, Challenges, Development, Intellectuals and
Philosophical perspective.