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## MTU GETS ICAN ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

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Dr. Oladele John Akinyomi (Right; Acting Dean, CHMS) officially delivering the ICAN Recognition Certificate to the Vice Chancellor, MTU, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi (left) in his office

The Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) gives accredited status to Mountain Top University, Ibafo, Ogun State on the 22nd day of April, 2021. The Certificate of Accreditation reads in part, "This is to certify that Mountain Top University, Ibafo, Ogun State, having satisfied all the requirements laid down in the Institute's Guidelines for Accreditation of Accounting/Accountancy Programmes in Tertiary Institutions, has been accorded an Accredited Status by the Coun-

cil of the Institute".

The accreditation is valid for four (4) academic sessions beginning from 2019/2020 to 2022/2023. This implies that all Accounting graduates of Mountain Top University from the listed sessions will enjoy exemptions in many of the professional examinations of the Institute. This will make it quicker and easier for MTU graduates to become Chartered Accountants.

This is another milestone in the history of the University. It is expected that the University will live up to the

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expectations of ICAN by not just maintaining or sustaining the current standard but moving it several notches higher in the coming years.

The Acting Dean, College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences, Dr. Oladele John

Akinyomi, represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Elijah Ayolabi, at the colourful certificate presentation ceremony held on Thursday, 22nd April, 2021 at the ICAN Ebute Metta Complex, Lagos.



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# MTU COMPLETES FIRST SEMESTER 2020/2021 SESSION

The narrative of the tertiary education system in Nigeria does not excite or inspire. This is because academic activities in Nigerian universities, polytechnics, and sundry higher institutions of learning are always disrupted due to incessant strikes, violence on campus or other reasons. The inevitable consequence of these developments in Nigerian universities is the prolonged period spent by students while studying their various academic courses and programs. It is common in Nigeria to see students spend more years studying a course than the normal number of years originally stipulated for that course. This development burdens society, parents, and the government. Even some private universities have had causes to postpone academic activities in their various campuses due to one reason or another. It is for this reason that completing a semester or a full academic session successfully by any university deserves to be celebrated. Given the prevailing anomalous situation in our country, it is indeed a big feat for any university, private or public, to run a smooth academic calendar without interruptions. It is in this light that Mountain Top University must be commended for always completing semesters and sessions despite all odds. The first semester of the 2020/2021 session was completed successfully



Sectional view of MTU Central Administrative Building

at Mountain Top University. The lecturers gave the students tests which were followed by examinations at the appropriate time. Although these activities were carried out physically, strict covid-19 protocols were adhered to all over the campus. It is on record that since Mountain Top University was established, the institution has steadily and forthrightly maintained a stable academic calendar without disruptions. In this way, the University has become a signpost for progressive academic activity in the country. Perhaps, there must be something that the management of the university is doing correctly to ensure such an enviable, progressive, uninterrupted academic calendar. The consequence of these developments in the university is the graduation of students at the right time. During the first semester exams, there was regular power supply all over the campus both in the lecture halls and the students' hostels. This made it easy for students to prepare for their examinations and lecturers to effectively do their official duties without interruptions. The collation of results has since been concluded and the second semester commenced in earnest. The progressive, uninterrupted academic activities at Mountain Top University deserve commendation and should be emulated both by the government and other private universities. As the second semester starts, it is hoped that it will be completed at the right time with a successful conclusion of the 2020/2021 academic session.



A view of the University Library and Central Administrative block from the MTU Pedestrian bridge

# MTU CELEBRATES WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY 2021 IN STYLE

A ceremony to commemorate the 2021 World Book Day was put together by the Library Department of Mountain Top University under the able leadership of the University Librarian, Dr Mrs Helen Akinade, on the 23rd of



Guest Speaker, Dr. Ifeoma Ann Oluwasemilore,

April, 2021. World Book Day is a day set aside globally to celebrate books and authors and to encourage people to read the works and writings of many writers both for pleasure and for the advancement of knowledge. According to available information, 23rd of April was chosen by UNESCO as the day for the celebration because it coincides with the death anniversary of great writers such as William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, among others. Some prominent authors were also born on same day.

In his opening address, the Vice Chancellor, Mountain Top University, Professor Elijah Ayolabi, encouraged participants to read books. According to him, “book is a door to knowledge and reading will contribute to social development”. As a mental process, reading makes society develop. He noted that technological advancement has reduced interest in physical reading among today’s youths. This is because they have access to mobile phones and other communication devices which affords them the opportunity to read online.

The topic of the day’s lecture is Plagiarism and Copyright in Academic Writing and was delivered by Dr. Ifeoma Ann Oluwasemilore of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos. The Vice-Chancellor was happy about the topic as he explained how technological advancement has made copy and paste more pronounced among today’s authors. He said that the re-

production of another person’s work in whatever form without the person’s approval is an intellectual theft and a crime which must be resisted by all. He, therefore, using 2 Timothy 2:15 - “Study to show thyself approved unto God.....” urged all to take reading very seriously pointing out that all teachers, librarians and all of us should be sources of information to our children.

A short video on book was shown to the audience and the learning point is ‘Small thing, big idea’. The general idea was to illustrate how powerful a book is in evoking thoughts, ideas and memories in the mind of the reader, just by merely reading it or even glancing at it.

At this juncture, the guest speaker, Dr. Ifeoma Ann Oluwasemilore of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos was invited to the podium and her citation was read to the audience by the moderator, Dr Mary Omosebi. Thereafter, she came up to speak on the topic of the day – “Plagiarism and Copyright in Academic Writing”.

To start with, Dr. Oluwasemilore informed the participants that internet has brought the subject of Copyright to the forefront. She said Copyright is a genre of Intellectual Property that must be protected by law.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER’S LECTURE

- Copyright is the protection of expressed ideas that are fixed in a tangible medium
- It has two elements – Expression and Originality
- The focus on originality is the reason why works that seem similar to existing works can enjoy Cop-

yright protection, as long as they are the original work of their creators

- Intellectual Property Rights are the rights awarded by society to individual's Copyright, Trademark, Patent, Industrial Designs, Trade Secrets. They are protected under the Common Law
- Intellectual Property can be dealt with just like any other property right.
- It allows owners to get benefit from their work or investment.
- Eligible for protection under the Copyright Act 1998 Amended are Literary works, Musical works, Sound recordings, Broadcast and Cinematographic Films, Photographs, Map and Technical Drawing Sculpture etc.
- Registration is not a precondition for Copyright protection.
- The creators of work protected by Copyright and their heirs and successors (Right holders) have certain rights under the Copyright Law.
- The economic rights relating to Copyright are of limited duration from death to 70 years after the inventor's death.
- The person or people who create original work own(s) the Copyright. The exception is in the case of media houses.
- Plagiarism entails copying someone else's work and taking credit for it as your own original work.
- Copyright infringement entails using another person's work and not paying for it or secure his authorization.
- Examples of Plagiarism are copy and paste, imitating reasoning style, switching words.
- Copyright is not an infringement when it falls under 'Fair Dealing', or when the original creator has permitted its use with an 'Open License'
- Plagiarism is a common occurrence in the academic environment all over the world because of the

pressure in our society which does not give room for originality.

- Plagiarism has grave consequences as it is regarded as theft and nobody will like to hire an employee that is capable of stealing from them. Also, it can easily be detected with the aid of a Plagiarism Checker.
- In conclusion, the guest speaker enjoined all the participants to, as much as possible be original in their intellectual works.

In his closing remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi, appreciated the guest speaker for the eye-opening and enlightening lecture. He sincerely thanked her for exposing participants to their rights that they were unaware of.

The celebration was brought to a close with a closing prayer said by the University Bursar, Mr. Shola Olagundoye.

The beautifully designed World Book Day cake was cut and there was group photographs and refreshments.



Management Staff and the Guest speaker



MTU Librarian (3rd from left), the Guest speaker and some invited guests

Some of the dignitaries at the event as recognised by the Moderator are the Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Elijah Ayolabi, the Registrar, Mr. Olufemi Oyewole, University Librarian, Dr. (Mrs.) Helen Akinade, Dean CBAS, Prof. Olalusi, Ag. Dean CHMS, Dr. John Akinyomi, Ag. Dean Students' Affairs, Dr. Moses Abiala, academic and non-academic staff, MD Soladem Printers Ltd, Press men, Atmel Ventures, Mgr. MFM Bookshop, Mr. Ayorinde among many others.



# MAKING THE BEST USE OF YOUR TIME AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT -

## Centre for Apprenticeship and Community Relations holds it first interactive session

It was a moment of sober reflections and careful strategizing as the Centre for Apprenticeship and Community Relations (CACR), Mountain Top University, holds its annual seminar series, first of its kind, on Thursday, 1st of April, 2021 at the University Multi-purpose hall.

The guest speaker at the event was Mrs Yinka Ogunde, a renowned Communicator, Principal Consultant, Edumark Consult, Nigeria and the Founder, Concerned Parents and Educators Network (CPEN). She spoke to the students using the zoom platform. However, the students were connected to her through the four viewing centres that were set up for the event – the University Chapel,



Mrs. Yinka Ogunde, Principal Consultant, Edumark Consult, Nigeria

vised them to invest time rather than just spend it saying, “Thinking of your time in the University as an investment towards the kind of future you want for yourself will change everything for you”. There was an opportunity for the students to ask questions during the Question-and-Answer Segment and it was well utilized by the students. In all, it was an educative and motivating session for all.

Mountain Top University Centre for Apprenticeship and Community Relations (CACR) was set up with a dual mandate of bridging the communication gap between the University and her neighboring communities and fostering mutual relations and development between them. The apprenticeship aspect of the Centre also sees to the equipping of the students with the right skills and values that prepare them for the practical realities of the present world. To achieve this, the Centre organises interactive sessions between the students and great leaders or industry experts in different fields of learning on a per semester basis. The one reported above was the interactive session for the first semester of the 2020/2021 academic session. According to the organisers, subsequent editions promise to be bigger and better.

CACR is under the able leadership of Dr Olanipekun Ojo as the Acting Director, while Dr Chinyere Mbaka is the Deputy Director of the Centre.



A cross-section of students at the event

House of Daniel, College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences (CHMS) big lecture theatre and College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS) big lecture theatre. Members of staff also joined the zoom session from their respective offices.

Mrs Ogunde spoke extensively on how the students can make the best use of their time towards achieving excellence during their stay in the university. She made the students understand that time is a resource that is given to everyone equally. How each person utilizes his/her own determines to a great extent how their life is going to turn out. She ad-



L-R: Dr. Mojeed Ologundudu (Ag. Director of Academic Programme, representing the VC); Dr. Olanipekun Ojo (Ag. Director CACR) ; Pastor Olumide Adesina (Chaplain); Dr. Chinyere Mbaka (Deputy Director CACR) and Mr Matthew Makinde (ICT)

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# NUC APPROVES PART-TIME PROGRAMMES FOR MTU

**M**ountain Top University, the only University on top of a Mountain, has recorded another great landmark. The National Universities Commission (NUC) has granted approval for the establishment of Part-Time Degree academic programmes at our great citadel of learning. Mountain Top University is indeed excelling as the name implies.

From the information received from the office of the MTU Acting Director of Academic Planning, Dr Mojeed Ologundudu, the University received the approval from the NUC on the 22nd of March, 2021, which stated that the Executive Secretary, NUC has considered and approved the establishment of the following part-time undergraduate degree programmes, to be run in the Main Campus of the University:

1. B.Sc. Accounting

2. B.Sc. Business Administration

3. B.Sc. Economics

4. B.A English

5. B.Sc. Finance

6. B.Sc. Industrial Relations and Personnel Management

7. B.Sc. Public Administration

8. B.Sc. Religious Studies

9. B.Sc. Mass Communication

The commencement of the programmes takes effect from the 2020/2021 academic session. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Elijah A. Ayolabi, has expressed his happiness and excitement about this development. We, therefore, join the entire management, staff and friends of MTU to rejoice at this remarkable progress. Indeed, we are MTU! Empowered to Excel!



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## DR. BOLANLE F. OLADEJO DELIVERS THE 3RD CBAS MONTHLY STAFF SEMINAR

**D**r. Bolanle Fausat Oladejo, a visiting lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, delivered her paper at the 3rd edition of the monthly seminar



Dr. Bolanle F. Oladejo, Department of Computer Science and Mathematics making her speech

series of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS) on Thursday 22nd April, 2021. She is an Artificial Intelligence expert and a former Acting Head, Department of Computer Science, University of Ibadan. In addition, she is currently a team member of the African Computational Sciences Centre for Health and Development -ACSC4HD (A collaborative institute between University College London, London and University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

The University Don presented an educative and mind-blowing seminar titled, “Capitalization of Technological Innovations and Management- a Panacea for Realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. Dr. B. F. Oladejo in her down to earth lecture, highlighted some developmental constraints that have been impeding achievement of the SDGs such as slower and unequal economic growth, natural disaster, security and data gap. She



A cross-section of Attendees at the 3rd CBAS Monthly Seminar Series

adequately explained how the SDGs can be attained if top management/leadership apply strategic monitoring, controls and evaluation method as well as Knowledge Management (KM) strategies to preserve scientific innovations and computational

techniques such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and smart technologies among others. She reiterated that attainment of the SDGs will be possible through a triple helix approach, by harnessing the leadership (management)

technology and partnership. Furthermore, she gave practical example of how application of KM with the development of AI diagnostic system for malaria detection (automated robots) at ACSC4HD which will scale up detection of malaria thereby averting child mortality in malaria endemic regions.

The exciting seminar stimulated quite a number of



L-R Dr. Job Okunoye (Representative of the College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences), Dr. Ibidapo O. Akinyemi (Acting Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies) and Prof. Ayo Olalusi (Dean, CBAS)

questions which the audience asked during the question-and-answer segment. Professor Ayoola P. Olalusi, Dean, CBAS who was present at the seminar congratulated Dr. B. F. Oladejo for the enlightening and well-presented seminar. Dr. S. O. Kareem (Chairman of the CBAS Seminar and Annual Lecture Committee) who moderated the seminar gave the closing remarks and stated that the next edition will be delivered by the Department of Food Science and Technology. Both academic and non-academic staff of CBAS were present at the seminar. Indeed, the seminar was enlightening and showed a high prospect for realization of SDGs especially in developing countries through technological innovations with Knowledge management strategies.



## From the Vice-Chancellor's Office

- ♦ Successful completion of first semester of the 2020/2021 academic session
- ♦ University-wide prayers carried out successfully at the two colleges and administrative building of the university
- ♦ ICAN accredits MTU

## From the Registrar's Office

- ♦ Orientation programs for new students and staff conducted
- ♦ Sustainable Development Goals Research groups reconstituted
- ♦ MTU Prays carried out successfully
- ♦ Second semester 2020/2021 academic session begins

## WORDS ON MARBLE

**For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The  
LORD will give grace and glory; No  
good thing will He withhold From those who  
walk uprightly.**

**Psalm 84:11  
(New King James Version)**

## ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING TRAINING WORKSHOP HOLDS AT MTU

In preparation for the commencement of Online Distance Learning (ODL) programme in Mountain Top University, the University Management organized a training workshop for members of staff in some selected programmes and units namely - Computer Science and Mathematics, Physics, Chemical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Accounting and Finance, Mass Communication, Business Administration, ICT, Academic Planning and Library.

The three-day training took place from Monday, 26th April to Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 at the CBAS Big Lecture Theatre in the University. It was facilitated by Dr Olusoji Adewunmi, Director, Media Office of the Distance Learning Centre, University of Lagos. He was ably assisted by Miss Blessing Oluwadare, also from the University of Lagos.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mountain Top University, Professor Elijah Ayolabi, declaring the 3 day training workshop open, charged all the participants to pay rapt attention, learn and ask questions that would reveal all that they need to know in order to participate effectively in the Distance Learning Centre, soon to be established in the university.

For the three day duration of the training, the facilitator took the participants through an array of topics covering:



The VC, Professor Elijah Ayolabi (3rd from the left) and the University Bursar (Mr. Shola Olagundoye)

creditation of Online Distance Learning programme, guidelines and templates for writing study sessions, creative commons, open educational resources, career structure, core staff and role of e-tutors in an ODL institution.

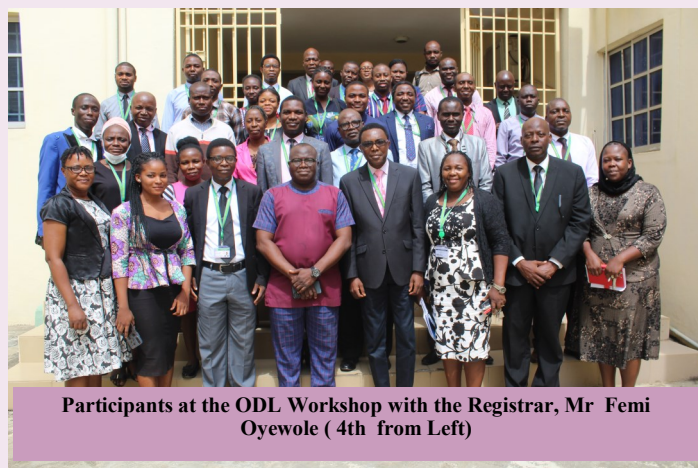
The presentations were lively and full of wonderful and informative lessons about the success stories,



Dr. Olusoji Adewunmi (Director, Media Office, Distance learning Centre, University) delivering a presentation at the ODL Training workshop

lessons and challenges of ODL as experienced and practiced by higher institutions in Nigeria and abroad. At the end of each presentation, the participants were given an opportunity to ask questions, which the facilitator provided answers to. It was really an enlightening experience.

Dr Mojeed Ologundudu (Acting Director, Academic Planning) moderated the sessions. On the 28th of April 2021, after 3 three days of power-packed training, the Registrar, Mr Femi Oyewole, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, appreciated the facilitator and the



Participants at the ODL Workshop with the Registrar, Mr Femi Oyewole ( 4th from Left)

participants and declared the training sessions closed. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Chinyere Mbaka from the Department of Mass Communication.

Present at the training were the Dean, College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS), Professor Ayo Olalusi, Acting Dean, College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences (CHMS), Dr John Akinyomi, Acting Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies (SPGS), Dr Ibidapo Akinyemi, Head of Department, Mass Communication, Dr Babatunde Oni and many other Heads of Department and Coordinators of Programmes, whose departments/units were selected to be part of the training, not forgetting dynamic members of the academic and non-academic staff. The University Bursar, Mr Shola Olagundoye and the University Librarian, Dr Mrs Helen O.J. Akinade also showed their support by attending the kick-off session. We wait for the manifestation of the result of this training as lessons learnt are put into action towards making MTU, a major player in university education in Africa and the world.



# YOUR HEALTH IS IN YOUR HANDS & THE MALARIA CHALLENGE DR. Joseph Asha

Two key events usually mark the Health calendar internationally, in the month of April - with deference to the World Health Organization ( W.H.O ).

These are:

- > WORLD HEALTH DAY on April 7, and;
- > WORLD MALARIA DAY on April 25 .

World Health Day is celebrated each year, on April 7, to raise awareness on health . The theme of this year's celebration was "Building a fairer , healthier world".

World Malaria Day is celebrated each year, on April 25, to spread awareness about malaria disease and to promote efforts to prevent malaria. The theme for 2021 was "Reaching the Zero malaria target". The title of my article in this month's bulletin was chosen to key into the respective themes mentioned above .

We can only build a "fairer, healthier world" - by taking personal responsibility on our health . In other words - 'YOUR HEALTH IS IN YOUR HANDS' . How do we go about doing this :

1) We must charge ourselves to give the utmost importance to our health at all times and in all circumstances. Our well-being is dependent on good health.

2 ) Obedience to the word of God is paramount and NON-NEGOTIABLE to sound health .

Hear these , from the scriptures ;

Exodus 23:25 - "And ye shall serve the LORD your God , and he shall bless thy bread , and thy water ; and I WILL TAKE SICKNESS AWAY FROM THE MIDST OF THEE". ( emphasis mine )

Proverbs 4:20-22 - "My son , attend to my words , incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are LIFE UNTO THOSE THAT FIND THEM, and HEALTH TO ALL THEIR FLESH". ( emphasis mine )

Proverbs 3:7-8 - "Be not wise in thine own eyes : fear the LORD, and depart from evil. IT SHALL BE HEALTH TO THY NAVEL, and MARROW TO

THY BONES. ( emphasis mine )

3)A Nutritious feeding habits must be maintained: more of plant-based than animal-based. Let your meals be laden with fruits that are in SEASON and always in season, legumes, cereals, nuts, and vegetables. Fruits are rich in vitamins and minerals , and these help to ' mop up' FREE RADICALS (which cause harmful oxidation ) - that find their way into our bodies from the environment - and are carcinogenic ( causes cancer ) . A word of caution to DIABETICS, on fruits intake - be wary of glucose-rich fruits, as this could worsen your blood glucose control. Therefore, consult your Doctor for appropriate fruits to take.

4 ) Adequate rest and sleep is an immunity booster. SLEEP YOUR BRAIN YOUNGER ! Do go over my articles on sleep, in the November & December 2020 bulletins, again .

5) Flee and say NO to alcohol and smoking . These have damaging effects on vital organs of the body. They have also been implicated in many cancers affecting humans .

6) Regular, moderate exercise , at least three days in a week, has been shown to improve mental alertness and promote overall well-being. A word of caution: Do not 'overdo' exercise on a single day Learn to listen to your body! If you start feeling awkward and dizzy, then stop and rest or 'call it a day'.

7 ) Don't be overwhelmed by Stress! Do go over my last month's article ( March 2021) -titled STRESSED? - DON'T BUCKLE UNDER THE STRAIN/PRESSURE.

8 ) Drink enough water everyday - at least 6 sachets (50cl) or 4 bottles (75cl). 'Soft'/'carbonated'/'sugar-sweetened' drinks, should NOT be a SUBSTITUTE to water after meals. Water cleanses and detoxifies the body of harmful substances .

9 ) Maintain a sound and positive mental health

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always . True mental health is impossible without spiritual health. Negative mental attitudes that should be jettisoned include fear , worry , anxiety, resentment , bitterness , hatred , pride , hopelessness , etc

### **The Malaria Challenge**

My journalistic instinct tracked the following news as reported in the print , electronic and social media , with respect to this year's World Malaria Day .

- Nigeria accounts for 23% of global malaria deaths, according to the Federal Government ( The Nation Newspaper , 26/04/2021).

- 700,000 persons diagnosed with malaria annually in Lagos , according to Professor Akin Abayomi - Commissioner of Health ( The Vanguard , 26/04/2021) .

- Malaria causes over 400,000 deaths each year globally.( source : W.H.O)

- Malaria kills over 270,000 Children every year - with most deaths from Africa .( source : W.H.O)

- About 229 million cases of clinical malaria were reported in 2019 ( source: W.H.O)

### **The Burden of Malaria Fever**

Malaria is a deadly , but preventable and curable disease . It is caused by the protozoan parasite - Plasmodium . It is transmitted from person to person through the bite of ' female anopheles mosquitoes' , through its bites via blood meals .

Africa accounts for VERY HIGH TRANSMISSION RATES , with peaks during the rainy season . This is explained by the fact that the 'vector' ( the female anopheles mosquitoes) , are afforded opportunity for breeding in pools of water and ponds .

- > Clinical features for uncomplicated malaria include fever , vomiting , chills, headache , joint aches, loss of appetite , sore throat , body weakness and cough plus other vague symptoms.

- > Poorly- treated Malaria or wrongly diagnosed malaria or patients presenting late , can progress to

Complicated malaria , with features as high grade fever , convulsion , headache , profuse vomiting , stooling , inability to stand , sit or walk , chills and rigours , and other laboratory tests abnormalities .

- > Prompt diagnosis and treatment is crucial to averting progression to complicated malaria and its sequelae .

### **Prevention of Malaria**

- Best form of prevention is preventing mosquito bites ! This may not be possible in the tropics, where Malaria is ENDEMIC , that is, always with us.

- Seasonal malaria chemoprophylaxis , in which oral anti-malarial drugs are given usually before the onset of the rainy season .

- Use of insect repellent on exposed skin , before sleeping at night .

- Sleeping under long lasting insecticide treated nets . This is highly recommended for Children and pregnant women .

- Wearing of long-sleeved shirts and long trousers.

- Sleeping in screened rooms ( with windows and entrance doors covered with mosquito nets )

### **Control measures**

- Use of insecticides to kill the mosquitoes.

- Environmental sanitation by clearing of bush around residential buildings and offices ; proper disposal of refuse ; not allowing refuse containers/bins to be overfilled before evacuation.

- Regular fumigation of hostels, chalets, camps , quarters , stagnant ponds and pools of water.

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# TRENDY BUT DAMNING

- Gbenga Ayandiran

According to my knowledge of geography, the shape of the earth was said to be spherical with series of evidences to support the fact but regardless of this shape whether spherical, triangular, conical or cylindrical, we can say that the world of today is crooked.

It is crooked for the following reasons:

1. We are no longer seeing things as black and white.
2. Everybody limps and the person that walks uprightly is seen as abnormal.
3. Adherent to the word of God is termed legalistic and the Christians are called legalists and old-fashioned.
4. The lifestyles condemned by the word of God are regarded as norms.
5. We promote situational ethics instead of choosing right over wrong.
6. We are no longer serving God but ourselves and this shows in our activities in the church and the way we give testimonies. Sometimes we exalt and advertise ourselves instead of God.
7. We are running after what is next, what is new, what is hot and what is trendy. Trendy but damning! [2nd Timothy 2:15, 2nd Timothy 3:16 – 17]

The summary of this topic is that the society of today has abandoned God and His words for trendy things and the trends are negative, worldly and condemnable. We have left the creator to follow the creatures. We are following the failure of the worldly celebrities. We want to belong to the trend of new generation. We are ashamed to be called old-fashioned when the bible says Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth (2nd Timothy 2:15)

There are many ways in which we follow negative trends today:

1. **Appearance**- Fashion is the order of the day in today's world. Our appearance is Jezebelic in nature
  - a. Perforation of ears with many ear rings
  - b. Short skirts opened at the back
  - c. Nose ring
  - d. Chain in the leg
  - e. Pencil trousers
  - f. Sagging of trousers
  - g. Artificiality
    - Artificial nails
    - Artificial hair
  - h. Bleaching of the skin
  - i. Tattoo

j. Women wearing trousers

All these ways of dressing profit nothing. Those that indulge in them are just following the trend which is negative and worldly. Trendy but damning!

It must be noted that you cannot change what God has created but can just maintain it because our God is a purposeful God. He does things with purpose.

Be yourself because trying to be another person, you will become number two and the way you are created should be an indicator to God's purpose for your life.

*What says the scripture?*

1st Timothy 2: 8 – 10 says I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold or pearls, or costly array;

But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works

This does not mean that we should appear dirty but we should allow our good works and righteousness to announce us instead of calling attention through bleaching of skin, artificiality, expensive and impressive cloth. This was no plea to women to make themselves unattractive but to reject worldly yardstick to measure beauty. Christian must be careful about letting a pagan culture set their fashion. We should dress with decency and propriety.

There should be simplicity, moderation, decorum and humility in the way we appear. Any time we dress up we should ask the following questions

1. Is there humility in my appearance?
2. Is my appearance moderate?
3. Am I simple in my appearance?

If the answer is NO, we must adjust because our dressing must be thoughtful and not attention calling or noise making type.

It must also be noted that your body is the temple of Holy Ghost 1st Corinthians 6:19. Leviticus 19:28 says, 'Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.' Do away with skin tattoo.

As a lady, if you are confused about wearing of trousers, stay put on what you are sure of. You are sure that God cannot send you to hell by wearing skirt, stay at that for the word of God is clear in

Deuteronomy 22:5

For those that say God looks at our heart alone but not at the body, what says the scripture in Romans 12:1-2.

Christians must remember that we are wonderfully made therefore we are not to copy the activities of the worldly people but they should be the one to copy us.

The Christian sisters should not seek husband with anyhow dressing otherwise they will get anyhow husband and if a woman must retain her husband by appearing worldly, the husband must be worldly.

It must be noted that Christianity is synonymous to discipline.

**2. Deception** – The way people deceive one another today is so alarming that the population of liars increase geometrically in our society and we are not considering it as a serious matter.

Someone inside a bus in Lagos will call on a phone that he/she is in a tricycle in Ogun State. Someone in the market will lie through a cell phone that he/she is in the school and those that are supposed to correct the situation colour it with grammatical glamour. When someone tells lies they say he misrepresents truths, when someone commits adultery they say he is having extramarital affairs and a thief is said to misappropriate funds. Who is deceiving whom? **Trendy but damning!**

*What says the scripture?*

It is crystal clear that the scripture does not support the liars. Leviticus 19:11, Revelation 21:8.

From the book of Revelation quoted above we can see the enormity of telling lies, as a liar is in the group of murderers, whoremongers, sorcerer and idolaters and this does not exclude anybody, be it a president, deputy president, a proprietor, a professor, doctors, lecturers, students etc. because Revelation 21:8 says But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

**3. Love of money** – The love of money is so rampant in our society today that many evil deeds like murder, stealing, bribery, human trafficking, drug trafficking, kidnapping have emanated even people fake their own kidnapping so as to get money from their relatives. People have joined occultism, people sell fake materials, and people sell a piece of land to two or three persons. It is a pity that this menace has crept into the church of today.

*What says the scriptures?*

1st Timothy 6:10 – 11 says, ‘ For the love of money

is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

It is clear from the bible that the love of money is the root of all evil. It makes people to kill, steal, pervert judgments, lie etc. and this result in sorrow. People use their body parts, loved ones to make money, what a tragedy. **Trendy but worldly!**

One of the reasons why the love of money is growing like fire is that people do not want to stay in their classes/levels. People are not contented with what they have at hand and have hope in God to move them to the next level with godly plans and hard working.

Someone that is supposed to stay in two room self – contained wants to live in three bed room flat and it must be now. Someone that is supposed to trek take bike every day and when you go to canteen you see people that are supposed to use sachet water to step down the food they ate, they are drinking bottled water and can drinks. **Trendy but damning!**

*Be contented with what you have but don't be complacent.*

**4. Exam malpractice** – This is another menace facing our society today. It has killed the reading culture among the youths. This is an express and easy way for people to pass examination in the society today.

There are miracle centers everywhere. People pay teachers to get marks. Ladies earn marks by sleeping with their lecturers. Results are sold, certificates are forged and selling and buying of question papers is no news.

Frivolity and entertainment is the order of the day in the society. When people pass exams, you hear the statement “I got “A” in that paper” but when they fail, you hear the statement “they gave me “D” in that paper” **Trendy but damning!**

*What says the scripture?*

*1st Corinthians 10:31 says, ‘ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.’*

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

Finally, remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent**, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou **repent**. Revelation 2:5



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