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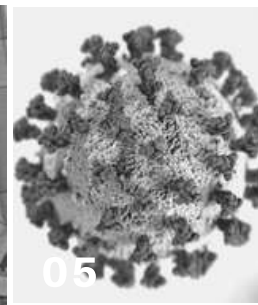
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EDITORIAL NOTE



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For many of us, each new year marks a chance for renewal, and 2020 was no exception, in our minds. With the first quarter now gone, it appears that our hopes for a stellar, jovial year are dwindling daily and getting replaced by dire tenebrosity. A deadly infectious disease known as Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has become part of life, and like a macabre monster off its leash, it is killing senselessly. By the time of this issue, it has infected over 750,900 and killed more than 36,500 people.

The present pandemic has shoved almost every newsroom into a COVID-19 Update nerve centre with more negative headlines and coverage defining our news. Journalists are the messengers; yet, people always complain they don't watch or read the news because its "lies" or "propaganda." We are often seen as the bad guys, because many have exchanged the art of storytelling for clickbait, what sells, breaking the story first for more viewers/retweets without fact-checking and reporting what aligns with the perspective of certain powers that be.

As **Enthuse Afrika: The Digital Storytellers**, we hold firmly that the gravity and intensity of the present situation call for responsible, ethical, sensitive, factual, balanced and reporting and coverage. We must remain as truth-tellers. When the death toll of a people has spiked to thousands per week, we cannot ignore the numbers to fall in line with conformist politics. When citizen journalists on the ground have something to say, we should hand them the megaphone to allow them to share their stories as their cries for help.

Muddying stories with puppets, lies and bias distracts and takes away from actually getting sh*t done. And then we start having to ask, well, why are there so many distractions? Why aren't we focusing on the people, the humans, the innocents?

Every story in this issue speaks to challenge, opportunity, and the transformative power of hope and pen in these trying times. From government enacting COVID-19 mitigatory interventions covering prevention and support, to championing historically marginalised clusters like women and sexual minority groups, each of these stories speaks to our faith in the future because whatever changes 2020 may hold, one thing remains constant: our commitment to Africa we share.

I'm excited to share this with you and thanks to our dedicated partners, **Enthusemag.com**, **Bhizimusi.com** and **Hallelujahmag.com** for this edition.

Let's get to work..

Chris Charamba
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Zimbabwe Treasury Avails \$500 Million Towards COVID-19

By Ian Mapira / Bhizimusi.com

Zimbabwe treasury has availed ZW\$500 million to fight against the COVID-19, which is part of the mitigatory interventions covering both prevention and support to the productive sector.

In a statement to the press, the treasury said measures in support of production will continue to be reviewed, in order to save lives and limit damage to the economy.

“Treasury has since availed ZW\$500 million to fight against COVID-19 and is ready to attend to further requests on this issue,” the press statement says.

“In addition, Treasury has provided an additional ZW\$50 million to Premier Service Medical Society (PSMAS) for preparedness against COVID-19 and to cater for the health requirements for civil servants who are the majority members of the Society and Treasury will be providing further resources as and when required.”



The treasury, to augment resources required to alleviate the impact of the pandemic, proposes expenditure prioritisation, foreign currency mobilisation, ring-fencing COVID-19 resources, hiring of additional medical staff, social protection and cash transfers and also insurance cover.

On expenditure prioritisation, the treasury will be redirecting capital expenditure allocations under the 2020 National Budget towards health-related expenditure, including water supply and sanitisation programmes.

“The 2% Intermediated Money Transfer Tax (IMTT), which is currently ring-fenced for social protection and capital development projects and hence, will ordinarily be channelled towards COVID-19 related mitigatory expenditure,” the treasury says.

Treasury is also working with the Central Bank in mobilising the requisite resources from all possible sources on foreign currency mobilisation.

“During the initial stages, Treasury availed US\$2 million for urgent and immediate health related imports and will continue to mobilise and ring-fence the necessary foreign currency required for additional imports for the short to medium term.”

Ring-fencing COVID-19 resources include directing the utilisation of existing national disasters accounts to serve the purpose of this crisis.

In the hiring of additional medical staff, the Treasury concurred to the unfreezing of over 4 000 health sector posts and creation of an additional 200 medical posts with a view of scaling the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On social protection and cash transfers, the Treasury set aside resources to cover one million vulnerable households under a Cash Transfer programme and payment will commence immediately.

“Treasury will initially be availing an amount of ZW\$200 million per month under a Cash Transfer programme over the next 3 months and both the amount and duration of payments will be reviewed as necessary.”

Treasury is also engaging the Health Service Board and Public Service Commission to put into place an insurance cover for government employees who directly interact with COVID-19 patients on insurance cover.

A Couple of Things We've Observed in The Midst of The Present Covid-19 Pandemic

By Chris Charamba / enthusemag.com

The struggle to save lives and to keep society functioning amid the coronavirus pandemic means hard choices lie ahead for our national leadership.

Last Friday, President Emmerson Mnangagwa tightened restrictions on Zimbabweans a notch by ordering the Southern African country a 21 days strict nationwide lockdown starting Monday, March 30, as Government steps up to slow and stop the spread of the novel coronavirus which causes the Covid-19 disease. He said the decision came after his administration was advised that the country faced “continued potential grave threats”.

In an address in Harare, President Mnangagwa said all non-essential services were expected to completely cease operations for the next three weeks, while shops and food open markets would operate under the supervision of health officials. During the lockdown, state and local authorities would ensure that folks stay home, except to obtain food and other



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essentials, access medical care or do work essential to the functioning of society.

Locking down the country would reduce infections and allow time for massive testing. With seven cases of infection confirmed and one fatality recorded as of Saturday, the empirical evidence for a lockdown couldn't be clearer. The more stringent the measures to keep people physically apart and isolate those who have become infected, the quicker the curve of infections is flattened. Lockdown is a take-no-chances approach in which the clear priority is suppressing the growth of infections and saving lives. It acknowledges that when the number of people who need a respirator or ventilator outnumbers the capacity of the health system to provide one, far more people die. Lockdowns may vary a little from place to place, but they are compulsory; they have the force of both law and policing behind them.

But hey, we can all agree that most of us have been staying at home and self-isolated since the day HE Mnangagwa declared the badass *Miss 'Rona* a "national disaster" and decreed a ban on weddings, church gatherings and foreign travels to countries affected by the rampaging disease. Well, the thing is here at **#ENTHUSE**, we are people observers and are also curious about how people have been socializing during these pandemic times. I, for one, wondered if people were observing requests for social distancing, etc.

Basically, what is outside like right about now.

I have learnt some new things and also made some interesting observations. I penned a song about it and here it goes.



1. The Simple First Rule Of #DoTheFive Is Underrated

The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** recommends that we *#DoTheFive* simple preventive actions of hygiene which involves washing our hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds and drying them thoroughly with an air dryer or clean towel. But believe you me, I've seen with my own two eyes people walk clean up out the restrooms without washing their hands. And it turns out that giving them a stinkeye does not make people see the error in their ways. *Whew chile, the ghetto!*

Do you think you nasty people can just do your part and be global citizens for a month? Look, I want you to be good neighbours all the time, but right now it matters a whole lot. Covid-9 is real and all's we are asking for is that we collectively do better. *Wash. Your. Hands!*

2. We Have Learnt Shocking Things About The Face

I know for sure that most of you are beautiful, pretty and handsome but we are now well into a pandemic. You are likely aware that, among other measures recommended to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus, we are all supposed to stop touching our faces. You are also aware, by now, that it is extremely difficult to stop touching your face, as many, many public officials have recently discovered.

I cannot stop touching my face. Why is it so damned hard to do? Even when actively thinking about the fact that I can't touch my face, I'm remembering to not do it as I touch my face. It's ridiculous how difficult this is to do. It turns out that on average people touch their faces 23 times an hour, a new study has shown. The study suggests that face-touching helps us to regulate emotions and is our favorite hobby even though we didn't even know. Most of the time, it is unconscious, which is part of why it is so hard to give it up. But does it have to be your whole face, though? No. Health authorities are specifically concerned with touching your eyes, nose, and mouth because those are, "mucosal surfaces where these respiratory viruses can attach very efficiently and become a site of entry into the body." But your forehead is not a mucosal surface, so what's the harm in a quick scratch?

3. There Are Not Nearly As Many People Practicing Self-protection As We Imagined There'd Be

Last week, Harare, like many other cities across the world, experienced a shortage of vital rubber gloves and face masks, compounded by measures to contain the deadly coronavirus. As you move around the city or go into a supermarket, you could count on one hand the number of people with them on. Most folks were grabbing shopping trolleys, not wiping them down, and going about their business. In your head, the *bigass* supermarket should look like a scene from a Netflix movie about an outbreak.

Well, it looked like a light morning; like any other day while everybody was at church, hugging, smiling and touching each other places. Also, my soul was disgusted as I literally watched a man sneeze in his hand and then grab his shopping cart handle with bare hands. My trumpet gently weeps for the people folks ain't thinking about out here.

4. I Really Don't Trust Any Of You & That Is Why I'm Self Quarantining

If it's not you, then it's me, right? Like, I see you on the *sosho* media chastising other people's hygiene but do I really know you do what you say you will? I do not. I love you but it's best if we just keep our social distance ...

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Are Jehovah's Witnesses in a Cult? A Cutting Edge Reflection By An Insider

By Theresa Ntswaki/ hallelujahmag.com

Jehovah's Witness; you've either heard of them, seen them, and possibly even joined them at some point. Others, such as myself, have run away and avoided them like the plague.

During my time in New York, I had my own encounter with two well-dressed, incredibly polite individuals who stopped me on the sidewalk and gave me a copy of The Watchtower magazine as well as an issue of Awake! on my way home.

I remember the day so vividly because, in New York, there're occasions when one simply does not have time (which is more frequently than one could imagine). I took the magazines and went home. As if some type of divine intervention had entered the chat, more Witnesses showed up on a Saturday morning because my aunt wanted us to have a bible study. One Saturday turned to a weekly event and soon enough we found ourselves surrounded the plain, cold walls of a

Kingdom Hall in Queens. We even went to Bethel -which means House of God in Hebrew- the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Upstate New York. To be frank, we were knee-deep in.

Despite being immersed in a whole new religious world, no one around me really knew anything about this religion..or should I say cult? I come from a **Tswana Roman Catholic** background (think drums, ululating, catchy songs and a substantial amount of extreme socializing) so the confusion was real.

In addition to celebrating holidays and birthdays be seen as a pagan belief, I had no choice but to question everything I had ever known about religion.

Here's what no one told me: Jehovah's Witnesses was founded by Charles Taze Russell in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the 1870s and today it has well over 8.68 million members.

It is a “millenarian restorationist Christian denomination with nontrinitarian beliefs,” and for those of you, like myself, who may have not known what this means, here’s the definition in layman’s terms: Jehovah’s Witnesses are a branch of Christianity that believes in a future utopian period which begins with the Second Coming of Christ, the purer and ancient form of Christianity, and rejecting the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Moreover, if the concept of a whole new world seemed like something you only see in movies, then I’ve got news for you. For starters, you get a new bible, songbook, as well as an extensive list of things one cannot do. Because of these rules and regulations -which are serious red flags- many believe the religion, is in fact, a cult. It’s often arduous to isolate cults, however, if it quacks like a duck then it’s a duck; here’s what Jehovah’s Witnesses have to say about the allegation;

“Far from being a dangerous cult, Jehovah’s Witnesses practise a religion that benefits themselves and others in the community. For example, our ministry has helped many people to overcome harmful addictions, such as the abuse of drugs and alcohol. In addition, we conduct literacy classes around the world, helping thousands learn to read and write. And we are actively involved in disaster relief. We work hard to have a positive impact on others, just as Jesus commanded his followers to do.—Matthew 5:13-16.

To be frank, if I was a cult leader, I would release a prim and proper statement about all the good I do too, maybe throw in a few scriptures to make the nonexistent halo around my head shine. To elucidate why it is believed we have a cult in our midst, on top of the skilful tactics of isolation, the brainwashing, new vocab, and the promise of a utopia as their *pièce de résistance*,

Another example of this twisted vocabulary is the Watchtower Society’s definition of the word Christendom. Although the word Christendom actually means “those who walk with Christ”, Watchtower leaders intentionally alter the meaning to any religions outside of the Watchtower organization.

It is believed that Christianity was introduced to Africa in the first or second century AD, and if you’re a firm believer in Black Jesus, you can say that no one really introduced us to anything. However, no one is quite clear on when exactly Jehovah’s Witnesses came to the motherland, possibly around the 1920s; we do know that the earliest recording of a Kingdom Hall built in Nigeria was in the city of Ilesa in 1935.

The Witnesses have been around for a minute now, and according to their website, there are over fifty thousand ministers who teach their bible...

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What Does It Mean To Be A Woman In The Creative Industries?

By Chris Charamba/ enthusemag.com



For generations, decades and years, women traditionally took on selfless jobs like teachers, nurses, housekeepers, housewives and secretaries while men were quietly going for hours long pub lunches and sitting in meetings, laughing at their own ideas.

Usher in this new generation of progressive, cutting edge and diverse creatives; women now are their own bosses, innovators, directors, CEO etc shifting narratives that used to describe them as “sings,” “sang,” “dances,” “danced”, and “sashayed,” to assuming historically masculine terms such as “directed,” “performed,” “painted,” “designed,” as well as “managed,” “founded,” and “launched,”

Instead of feeling like victims, women can finally take their heads out and say, wait a minute! I like a nice cocktail at lunch. This fledgling global movement of women staking their claim must be nurtured. In synch with the month of March of celebrating women, **#ENTHUSE** asked six ground-breaking and game-changing women what it means to be working in the creative industries.

Zaza Muchemwa: Poet, Playwright, Theatre Director and Arts Manager

First of all, being a creative in Zimbabwe is tough. We operate in a space where there is little to no proper infrastructure, solid development mechanisms and supportive entrepreneurial processes. However, there are some opportunities which when strategically taken up can propel a creative beyond the challenges of the environment they operate in to being successful at what they do. Being a creative to me means seeing opportunity where others see problems, offering ways of healing where others create strife, garnering support from a society that does not always understand what being a creative means towards being one’s own woman.

Being a woman in the creative space in Zimbabwe means I have had to constantly remind myself that there is a need to take up space and make use of that space to make meaningful contributions to my society. It also means I have to negotiate myself into certain spaces and also negotiate myself out of other spaces as

well. For it is important for me to know that my voice matters, and that being a creative enables me to amplify that voice to speak to what I am called to and not follow the dictates of current trends of having women speak up on each and every issue affecting society but to be an individual, a creative, a woman who serves her particular purpose; telling resonant stories, being a good steward of her own gifts whilst carving out a living for herself on her own terms.

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The creative sector for us has always presented as the thought leader economy. It is the sector for us that has very silently shaped and defined how many sectors and industries have evolved or are evolving. For me, being a woman in the sector has always meant going above and beyond the standard, the norm, and challenging set perspectives and basic way of doing things. We have considered collaborating, and cross-sector collaborations could actually help to influence how sectors evolve. We have considered how innovation, the coming into being of AI, augmented reality etc. would eventually challenge how we conduct business in the creative sector. Imagine, in five years' time what will concerts look like. Will they be people filled in the stadiums or would it be people sitting in their homes watching it through virtual reality?

The creative sector for us is an amazing space to be in. As a woman, I've never really thought about issues of inequality as hindrances to what I can do. I've always fought for my space on the table and when there was no space on the table I have always figured out ways to create tables that I can bring others to sit with. So, I think sometimes it is going back to the basics of understanding that perception is reality; what you think is what you become, and that is if your equality argument rests on you trying to be equal as opposed to you understanding that you already have what it takes, you'll be so marred and surrounded by these thoughts that it will take you so many years of fight while you're hindering what's already inside you.

In this women's month, we would like to encourage women out there to realise that you already have what it takes to be. The question is, how are you going to bring it out and this is where the socialisation comes to part. How are we socialising our women to take their place on the table and importantly to create tables, if there are no spaces on those tables? Like the teaching of Malcolm X, it is sometimes important to think of how to create our own tables, set our own rules and disrupt. *Happy Women's Month!*

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Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 7 STEPS

- 01** Wash your hands frequently
- 02** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03** Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04** Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05** Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06** If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07** Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



Universities Turn Into Productions Firms For COVID-19 Protection Gear

By Ian Mapira/ bhizimusi.com

Universities are turning into firms to produce medical gowns, hand sanitisers, soaps and face masks as Zimbabwe faces 21 days lockdown the government declared to fight against the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Health Minister Obadiah Moyo in an interview with the state-owned press said that local production is encouraged because in China where people have been buying these products there is huge competition worldwide.

“Everybody wants to buy the same products, so everyone is competing for that,” he said.

“We have also requested our embassy even the Chinese embassy to give us assistance that they may be able to access the manufacturers in China and also some other countries which are producing these protective equipments.”

The tertiary institutions involved in the scheme include the University of Zimbabwe, Bindura University of Science Education, Midlands State University, NUST, Chinhoyi University of Technology, and the Harare Institute of Technology according to a briefing by Information Minister; Monica Mutsvangwa on the Inter-Ministerial Taskforce on Covid 19 yesterday.

“As of yesterday(March 27), Chinhoyi University of Technology has produced twelve thousand (12 000) face masks and is working on producing 10 000 sanitizers and 10 000 hand soaps,” she said.

“Bindura University Science Education and Harare Institute of Technology have the capacity to produce 1000 litres of sanitizers each per day and are working towards this.”

“The University of Zimbabwe has the capacity to produce 5 000 litres sanitizers per day and 60 000 face masks per month...”

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Narrow Clinton Win, WW3 & End of Coronavirus: Where is T. B. Joshua Getting His Oracles From?

By Chris Charamba/ hallelujahmag.com

It's Saturday, the 28th of March 2020. The global cases of coronavirus have surpassed 600,000 and there has been over 28,000 fatalities confirmed. Of course, this goes without saying that there has also been more than 130,000 recorded cases of recovered patients. Quite positive news, right?

Anyway, what's peculiar about this day is that it is only a few hours after the 27th, the day that revered Lagos-based cleric and founder of the Synagogue Church of All Nations (SCOAN), Prophet T. B. Joshua, predicted would see the end of the novel coronavirus.

"I came out at the beginning of this year saying last year will end in March, and the year will continue to be very fearful till this month [March]. This month, 27th, it will be over. By the end of this month, whether we like it or not – no matter the medicine they might have produced to cure whatever, it will go the way it came."



T.B. Joshua said in a video broadcasted live during a church service.

The SCOAN shepherd also said that it would rain in China and that would wipe away the virus.

Corresponding to the said prophecy, many Christians around the world were hopeful that it would come to pass.

Lugubriously, the internet and world at large (or at least those who care enough to have paid any mind to the controversial Nigerian pastor) is ablaze after it appears that even after March 27, the deadly Covid-19 continues to rage and kill. Judging from the latest events around the world, people are even more afraid and the coronavirus pandemic isn't showing any signs of stopping as there is no vaccine or cure in sight.

By now, many have since concluded that Joshua's prophecy on coronavirus has failed to come to pass, despite that his pedigree in the ministry is full with

prophecies that came to pass and that he has also performed jaw-dropping deliverance miracles.

The problem with Joshua's predictions was not only the specificity of the event itself but that it was dated in red letters, thus put his credibility on the line. Of course, nothing of the sort actually happened, at least in the world of visibility and that has left some in his movement with a classic dilemma of usual apocalyptic movements: *What do you do when prophecy fails?* We don't know just how many of them there are, but however many there are, they probably have found themselves facing the same problem that has confronted others dealing with failed prophecies and predictions: cognitive dissonance.

Cognitive dissonance occurs when individuals are pulled in opposite directions by their beliefs on the one hand and their real-world experience on the other, according to **Michael Barkun**. The conflict between them creates psychological pressure, which people seek to reduce. This situation has been faced many times before, by people who have made huge personal investments in belief systems that claimed some great change would take place at a given time but who were then left psychologically stranded when the change did not take place.

The general pattern with cognitive dissonance situations is that the less heavily invested will eventually drop away. Some who are relatively heavily

committed may find similar affiliations to which they can transfer their loyalties. But a core group will remain, even in the face of predictions or prophecies that simply didn't happen. That includes at least some of the T.B Joshua's believers who have remained loyal. What keeps them there?

In the first place, no one who has made a heavy commitment to any belief likes to admit that they have made a mistake. In addition, the belief is likely to be one around which they have structured their view of the world.

Consequently, one way of dealing with the dissonance is to try to keep the belief even in the face of a world that denies that the belief had any validity.

There are two ways of dealing with this: One is to tinker with the timing of the prediction; the other is to reinterpret the prediction itself. Some of the SCOAN believers I've interacted with for the last 24 hours have done both.

As the world has taken it upon itself to remind the cleric of his coronavirus oracle, it has surfaced that actually this is not the first time Mr Temitope Balogun Joshua's prophecies might not have been on point. He has made a number of prophecies that relentlessly did not come to pass...

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"The Security Sector Will Have A Listening Ear During Lock Down"

By Ian Mapira / bhizimusi.com

President Emmerson Mnangagwa conducted a COVID-19 address to the nation stating that the lockdown enforcers will have a listening ear to the concerns of the public during the ongoing 21 days which started on Monday, March 30.

Zimbabwe's leader allowed the country citizens to leave homes if there is a need to buy food and medicines during the lockdown to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"The security services will be enforcing the lockdown with a listening ear. Their job is to help, to protect and to keep us all safe. But my Zimbabwean brothers and sisters, all this is in your hands. I know it is not easy," he said.

The government deployed the security sector to enforce lockdown to stop the spread of a pandemic that has claimed over 36 000 lives worldwide in less than five months.

"During these 21 days, Government will work tirelessly to make sure that we are ready to face all scenarios," the Zimbabwean leader said.

"We must make sure that our medical teams are equipped and protected, and that our hospitals fully are prepared. That our citizens are ready. (sic)

"Let's be clear, food suppliers and food stores will remain available and open. Medical supplies will remain open and available," he went on.

The President also stated that the 21-day lockdown is not a punishment, but an opportunity to save lives.

"We have 21 days right now to save lives. And how will we save those thousands of lives? By acting responsibly, and staying at home," he said.



Gyre's Single Equates Living in the Closet to A Quarantine

By Stephanie Kapfunde/ enthusemag.com

Gyre is a Queer South African Rapper whose music speaks to the queer black experience. When we first came across Gyre's work in 2018 we were overwhelmed by the sheer unapologetic queer brilliance at the release of his mixtape *Queernomics* in 2018. In *Queernomics*, Gyre spits fireball-bars, deep dives into the politics of the not-so-politically-correct politics of Queer love.

Quarantine is the eighth track on the mixtape and the opening number in the chapter "I am...Love". In it, Gyre sings how queer love is demonized in a society where heterosexuality is assumed to be the norm/default/natural sexual orientation. This is known as being heteronormative.

You might be wondering why that's a problem.

If you don't fit the heteronormative bill by being Queer for example; you're forced to explain yourself.

Questions about why you're queer, what the sex is like and other invasive questions are thrown about with reckless abandon. Not only is this demeaning, but it's also highly inappropriate. Whereas, if you are cisgender ie. a person who identifies with their biological sex and simultaneously hetero it's easy to take for granted the space you so freely occupy in the privilege of socialized normality.

In Quarantine, Gyre refers to his queerness as a disease yet a space he can safely be himself. If there is anything these past couple of days have taught us; it the over-looked freedom of occupying spaces at will. The supermarket, your favourite coffee shop/bar/club, the salon or transiting through a taxi rank. Many of us due to the COVID-19 Pandemic have been excruciatingly confined to our homes. Tweets, memes and Tik-Toks spell out panic, frustration, chronic boredom and suffocation. When anyone queer or otherwise has to make a comparison this stark about their freedom; self-introspection is necessary!...

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Pastor Dares to Go to China to Destroy Coronavirus “Prophetically”

By Chris Charamba/ hallelujahmag.com



The whole world has been put into great fear after the outbreak of Coronavirus. Globally, it has now infected more than 700,000 and claimed over 36 000 lives. Since medical approach adopted by the **World Health Organisation** and other stakeholders to root out the deadly Coronavirus has not yet been able to contain the disease, a Nigerian clergyman has said that it is time to employ prophetic force.

Prophet David Elijah of the Glorious Mount of Possibility Church in Lagos said that if persuasion fails force must be applied. To prevent the virus which has kept many countries on tenterhooks from spreading to sub-Saharan Africa, the pastor has announced plans to embark on a journey to China, to prophetically destroy the raging coronavirus. He said people cannot die when there is a man of God in their midst.

A video sighted online shows the prophet staging a war against the deadly disease.

“I’m going to China to go and deal with Coronavirus. I am going prophetically to destroy coronavirus. Where there is a

prophet people cannot die. I cannot be a prophet in this world, and China is dying. It is not possible!” Prophet Elijah told his following.

A matter of international health emergency now, preachers and preachers have been venting in on the coronavirus outbreak, sharing various opinions about it.

Author and co-founder of the Texas-based Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Gloria Copeland, famously claimed that believers should not be afraid of coronavirus because they have “Holy Spirit flu vaccines”.

In the same vein, End Times broadcaster Rick Wiles warned that the coronavirus is a plague sent by God to purge the world of sin as the Last Days approach. The evangelical preacher who made similar wild predictions during the Ebola outbreak in 2014, said that his “spirit bears witness that this is a genuine plague that is coming upon the Earth, and God is about to purge a lot of sin off this planet.”

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