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EDITORIAL

Another week, another issue. Oh yes, we have been that consistent, and we earnestly hope to maintain and guard our Digital Storytelling gusto in the future, at all yields. Now settle in on this fast becoming May's wintry and the world's fast mounting uncertainty and let our diligent scribes take you through most of what transpired within the scope of the week and beyond.

Gracing our cover this week is Prophet Jay Israel, who leads The Spirit Life Church. Staying true to his pellucid resentment of the growing phenomenon of the Papa-generation, wristbands and anointing oil that many mega-church prophets use, the young cleric rudely wakes up believers on the futility of religion as we have been conditioned to it in recent years. There is no religious response to the pandemic, unless we count abandoning religious rules in favour of science and medicine. Faced with these choices, most people have accepted that religion is pointless, at best, and harmful, at worst, hence Israel comes in to remind believers that the closure of the churches in a bid to curb the licentious spread of the coronavirus is

opportunity to think about what church is, and what role it plays in our lives, if any. So let's use this difficult lull, this enforced spell in the wilderness, to step back and admit that Christian culture, especially its broadly liberal wing, needs some fresh approach, he argues.

In this issue as well, we are filled in on how Bigtime Strategic Group and the International Organisation for Migration are assisting stranded Zimbabweans in South Africa to return home as the lockdown sword continues to strike on the clock of normalcy and business everywhere. Because none of us was ready or prepared for this kind of pandemic financially, Mitchell's piece on saving and its importance couldn't have come at a more appropriate time.

And because we exist to celebrate young people, appreciate youthful ideas and creativity, it wouldn't be a fair issue if it misses the avant-garde work that young creatives are doing. We are given a glimpse of that through the stories of Wadzana Ashley Mushakwe who is turning his life stories into self-help books, and Vimbai Zimuto, who continues to fight for a world where women can freely express themselves, even if it means employing taboo-defying methods.

While issues change every week, our conduct doesn't. We are still young storytellers who welcome feedback on articles past and present. Let us know what you like, what you don't, and what you'd like to see. Email us with your thoughts to hello@enthuseafrika.com, noting any article to which it applies.

Also as an aide-mémoire, any pieces or articles that you wish to submit, either individually or collaboratively, are much appreciated and will make a substantial contribution to the development and success of ENTHUSE'D. Thanks to everyone who has expressed an interest in this cause, and everyone who makes time to read and support our work.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Chris Charamba
Head Storyteller
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IOM, BIGTIME STRATEGIC GROUP ASSIST IN TRANSPORTING ZIMBABWEANS STRANDED IN SOUTH AFRICA BACK HOME

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

Bigtime Strategic Group founder Justice Maphosa and the International Organisation for Migration are assisting in returning stranded Zimbabweans in South Africa back home according to the Embassy of Zimbabwe in South Africa.

The Embassy revealed a partnership with Maphosa which has resulted in transport being availed for Zimbabwean nationals who could not afford to travel back home to be assisted in making the one-way trip.

“The generous assistance provided by Mr Maphosa will cover the cost of hiring buses for around 400 Zimbabwean nationals, the provision of food for the travelers on the trip, and a provision of food and personal protective equipment while in quarantine in Zimbabwe,” the Embassy says.

“The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Migration Agency, is providing technical support to the Embassy in planning and carrying out this humanitarian repatriation exercise. The technical support includes coordination of pre-departure arrangements, pre-embarkation medical check and distribution of COVID-19 related awareness material.”



JUSTICE MAPHOSA - VOA

With the South African government enforcing a national lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19, Zimbabweans in South Africa faced challenges hence the need to travel back home.

The Embassy sought travel permits for Zimbabweans who were in need of self-repatriation, using own transport as well as buses, from South Africa’s Department of International Relations and Cooperation [DIRCO], and the diasporans have since travelled back home while others are still waiting for their travel permits.

“There are buses set to ferry Zimbabwean nationals back home, under the self-funded repatriation where the travelers pay for their own transportation,” the Embassy says.

“There are buses set to transport Zimbabweans back home, with the carrying capacity strictly limited to 70 percent in order to comply with South Africa’s current lockdown regulations for public transport.”

The story continues on bhizimusi.com

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PROPHETS & PREACHERS WANT TO MINISTER TO COVID-19 PATIENTS IN QUARANTINE

By Chris Charamba/ Hallelujahmag.com

General Overseer of Charisma Ministries International, Prophet Ian Genesis, has appealed to the Zambian government to allow preachers into quarantine health care facilities holding COVID-19 patients so that they can pray with them.

Speaking in a video shared on his official Facebook platform, the charismatic preacher who has been vocal about the coronavirus disease and even gone to the lees of prophesying when the pandemic will “end”, said spiritual healers were to be granted access to patients, just as medical practitioners were given unlimited ingress.

“I’m the man that’s carrying the genesis mandate, demonstrating the Lord God of the beginning and the now. Listen to me, the bible says in the book of Mark chapter 16 verse 17 and 18, “And these signs shall accompany them that believe: In my name they will drive out the devils,” he said.

"My main emphasis of that scripture when you begin to read it, it says on one portion, “they will lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover,” continued Genesis.

"This is the time that the government of Zambia must begin to allow us, the prophets to enter into quarantine to pray for the people that are quarantined in the name of Jesus, and Jesus will heal them."

IAN GENESIS : FACEBOOK



"The same way that doctors are going in and going out of quarantine, that is the same way we can go in and go out of quarantine. If they are worried about us, let them give us their protective gear, the same way they give other people to visit those people. It is time for men of God to be given the opportunity to pray for these people who are in quarantine in the name of Jesus. Listen to me; Jesus has never failed; He is the same yesterday, today and forever," he added.

As it stands, there have been growing calls by clerics to visit their parishioners in COVID-19 quarantine facilities.

Last month, Handsboro Baptist Church pastor Joey Bennett said ministers of the Word were being denied their "religious liberty to be able to minister and free exercise of religion under these conditions". He said, "hospitals should find a way to allow us to get in without just a blanket, 'no you can't come in.'"

The need to control the spread of the coronavirus has led hospitals to eliminate visitors, but preachers have said it is important for parishioners to have their own clergy present.

"There's something comforting and healing to have your minister there, or in the case of grief, to be able to help them in the moments when the person dies, and we're not being allowed to do that," Bennett told WLOX.



JOEY BENNETT - FACEBOOK

Bennett said he hoped the government and hospitals can find a solution. He suggested training clergy in hospital procedures and screening them for the virus to allow them into hospitals.

In recent months, numerous Christian clerics have been in the limelight for demonising the coronavirus pandemic and their deep denial over COVID-19's danger.

The while, figures compiled by Worldometers.info, which says its data is trusted and used by the United Kingdom government, New York Times and the British Broadcasting Corporation, among others, indicate that over 4,400,000 cases of coronavirus have been confirmed globally by Thursday, May 14, with 301,914 recorded fatalities.

Zimbabwe has so far tested 23 927 people and 37 were positive. Twelve have since recovered and four have died.



The Truth Behind the Lie that is Academia

SOURCE : PEXELS

By Hazel Lifa/Enthusemag.com

At the beginning of the year 2019, I packed my belongings and braced myself for the highly esteemed world of academics at the prestigious institution of the University of XXXX. I was determined to learn and take full advantage of this opportunity but I was not prepared for what I found. An institution known for world-class academics working towards educating young African minds. I was naïve enough to think it was all professional and work-oriented, but in essence, they are all just as human as the world they try to distance themselves from if not more.

In comparison, making my way through my postgrad studies this year was like taking a trip down memory lane to high school. Naturally, they were favourites and the cliques were on point and a tad vicious. I have to say I wasn't all too disappointed in the exclusion; I am an introvert so being able to watch from afar was fun for my observant eye. And just to add a disclaimer I do not in any way intend to offend or claim to not have learnt a tone from my experience, it is the main reason I am writing about my observations.

From the time we enter school a level of superiority is placed upon academic studies, intellectuals are viewed as above almost

godly like. But I can confidently tell you that lady or dude with that PhD or that academic someone you fear is just as human as you are. My department was filled with ambition and talent. A lovely combination that unfortunately created an environment filled with unnecessary competition and classification.

I won't lie, upon arriving I found myself naturally trying to fit in and become a part of the selected community. But the practices of conforming, peacocking and psychological warfare were too tiring for me and in some instances juvenile. My resistance and confidence in my laid back manner made me different, but not without company as a number of us became rejects.

Over the course of the year, I found myself feeling sorry for the selected individuals, their overconfidence and hostilities stemmed from the pressures and anxieties of academia; and the fear of failure. I witnessed the daughter of a supposed well known academic; lose her cool after being given mere feedback on her Masters' proposal. The pressure of excellence of the school and her family name denied her (in her mind) room for failure which meant any kind of feedback even simple observations were seen as a failure to her. So she made a



scene and stormed off from our department postgraduate coordinator.

This social profile also included the lecturers who at times were the heads of the cliques. Ride with certain individuals and know your academic future is set; you are hooked up with scholarships, undercover research facilities some of us only dream of. Get certain supervisors and you are in for a ride, mine, in particular, was a bizarre case. My supervisor did not care for me at all, how did I know this? General interaction and her tone (she always had a tone) when it came to me.

I could have wasted my time calling her out, to which she could have ended my academic venture and labelled me lazy and incompetent. In such a situation you have to ask, who would you believe? Her feedback was always buried under a mountain of condescending and mean remarks; unprofessional AF. But you have to understand, like the students, the lecturers were working in the same peacocking, psychological warfare and anxiety-driven wavelength.

My supervisor especially was a classic example of an academic still building her name; in all honesty, she has no business teaching anyone at the moment. I managed to look past her lack of nurturing and snide comments to get to whatever advice she had but imagine if I hadn't got past that part. Drowned in her remarks about my intelligence and how she didn't want her name next to my 'nonsense' as she put it. I managed to remind myself who I was and why I was there; I stayed strong and confident but what about future students who might not be able to do the same.

I learned a valuable lesson besides the academic side of my studies but basic human behaviour.

We lash out when we feel threatened, we breakdown when we feel our efforts aren't appreciated. We tear each other down to feel superior, we at times put unnecessary pressure on ourselves and try to live up to our parents' names who we forget are different people from us. We strut and peacock to pretend everything is ok and select each other on the merit of who can benefit my brand the best and as always any deviation from the status quo is taboo.

All of this is true of us all including the set apart academics, who tower over the rest of us with their knowledge which even with; still doesn't change the fact that at the core of it all, we are all still just human.

MP CHIPS IN AS GOVERNMENT FAILS TO PRODUCE NEEDED AID IN TIME

By Ian Mapira/ Bhizimusi.com

Hatfield Member of Parliament (MP) Tapiwa Mashakada, during the Mother's Day, chipped in to rescue the struggling old aged by sourcing partners to provide the vulnerable with mealie meal.

The development comes at a time when the government is yet to honour the promise of providing struggling citizens with financial assistance.



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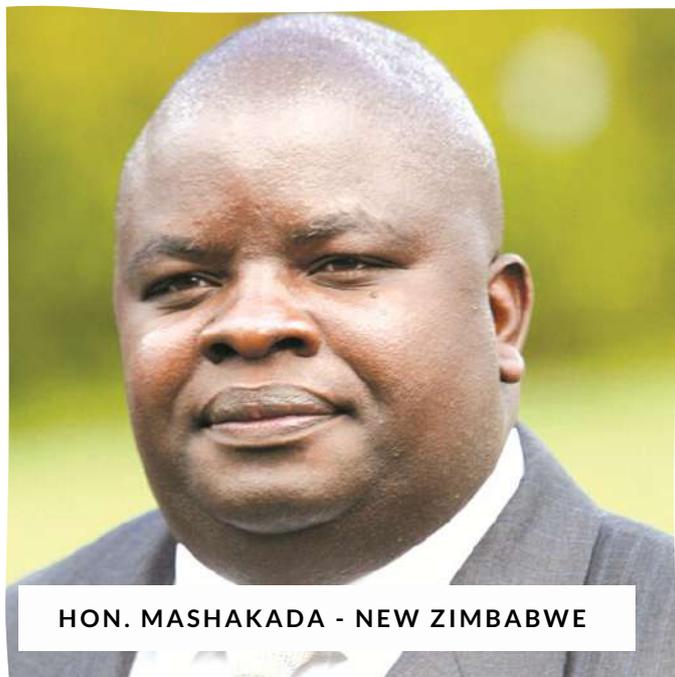
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Mashakada took the Uebert Angel Foundation to the Hatfield during the Mother's Day and leftover 2 hundred 10kg bags of mealie meal at Jairos Jiri Association, Waterfalls Children Centre before embarking to nine other stops within the constituency.

The Uebert Angel Foundation donations were targeted at the disabled, the aged and also the retired members of the community.

Government has in the past promised to disburse ZWL \$600 million for the vulnerable in Zimbabwe's urban areas in the country.



Recently Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Minister, Professor Paul Mavhima agreed that the government had not yet disbursed anything for the struggling urban citizens in the country against earlier indications that a total of ZW\$3 870 089.25 had been disbursed to 21 431 urban Food Mitigatory beneficiary

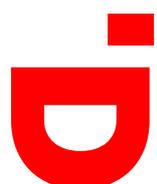
households in Bulawayo and Harare to mitigation measures in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

An ongoing lockdown enforced by the government has resulted in a loss of income, with economic activities coming into a halt.

Urban dwellers risk suffering from hunger and starvation during the current lockdown with many who are employed in the informal sector living from hand to mouth.

Mashakada promised the Hatfield residents, comprising of around 32 thousand people that the second phase of donations is also on its way without revealing the actual date and time.

The Uebert Angel Foundation has donated a million US towards assisting Zimbabweans during the current lockdown.





JAY ISRAEL: ZIMETRO

“TIME FOR THEATRICALS, PERFORMANCES, GAMES AND GIMMICKS IN THE CHURCH HAS COME TO AN END”

By Prophet Jay Israel/ Hallelujahmag.com

It's only in Prophetic/Pentecostal ministry where using your mind to think is considered as not being spiritual enough and questioning certain practices is regarded as rebellion.

Hence prophetic and pentecostal ministries are slowly creating spiritual Zombies who cannot question anything but believe everything.

Spiritual Zombies who shout I CONNECT and I RECEIVE to everything even without any understanding of what they are receiving.

Spiritual Zombies who listen to an idol called Papa and never take time to listen to the Most High God.

Spiritual Zombies who delight in being fed with messages of peace and hope in a world full of wars and civil unrest.

Spiritual Zombies who all fight for being the most favourite of Papa and Mama yet they don't fight to live right and get closer to God.

Those who believe everything, know nothing because they lack knowledge but those who question everything have actually matured to a certain level of understanding and knowledge.

Isn't it funny that doctors, politicians, soldiers and even professors who studied in the best universities all over the world can be deceived and misled by a normal human being who does not have any special educational background who only comes carrying a Bible, wearing a suit and promising prosperity, peace and good health in a dying world so poor with unending wars against visible and invisible forces?

We are all praying and fasting for the lockdown to be lifted so that we may go back and have Church as usual/business as usual, but I have sad news for you.

After lockdown, it will not be business as usual and it will not be Church as normal.



There is a paradigm shift in the atmosphere right now and people's eyes have been opened by this virus to reality and truth. People will not be rushing for miracles and prophecies as usual but there is a breed of people that God is dealing with during this lockdown moment.

A breed that will not be moved by theatrics and gimmicks in the name of miracles and wonders. God is restoring the church back to the Eden kind of Church. A church that will yearn to have a personal relationship with Him more than mere men. A church that will not be moved by magicians disguised as prophets and pastors.

A church that will not be moved by glitz and glamour of the so-called Men of Cloth, but a Church that will rise up as an end-time army.

The remnant is rising. The remnant is coming. The remnant is here.

Wake up, African child. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

After lockdown, God is taking back his people and they shall be filled with the Word of God and nothing else. They shall operate in the fullness of the glory of God without contamination. Next time you go to church, carry your brains with you. Common sense is permitted beyond the doors of your church. Use it.

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WADZANAI ASHLEY MUSHAKWE IS TURNING HIS LIFE STORIES INTO SELF-HELP Books



WADZANAI ASHLEY MUSHAKWE

By Chris Charamba /Enthusemag.com

They say that life is a journey. Wadzanai Ashley Mushakwe is inclined to concur. The entrepreneur, author, motivational speaker and sportsman's journey has been full of thrills and excitement, trials and tribulations, failures and successes, ups and downs, twists and turns.

One of the turns gladly plunged Wadzanai down the path of writing which he now proudly walks. To date, he is a published author of three books and has contributed to a number of newspapers and magazines.

Everybody who reads his work raves about his writing. Some of his readers said that they feel many similarities to his life, while others said they recognise or relate to many of the characters in his books.

Here, we give you a brief synopsis of the three books, namely '*Journey to Success*', '*Start by Looking in the Mirror*' and '*Wrath of a Broken Heart*'.

Journey to Success

'*Journey to Success*' is a self-help/self-development book targeted mainly at young people with the aim of inspiring, enlightening, challenging and encouraging them to work hard, persevere and be patient and courageous in the pursuit of their dreams. In order to convey the message effectively, Wadzanai combines stories of his own life experiences and those of other people from all walks of life and came up with a storyline that many have decreed as engaging and entertaining as a thriller movie yet still serving the above purpose. Subsequently, '*Journey to Success*' is a three-part book that narrates a story about a young man who grew up poor but was determined to change his life and become rich.

The first part – **The Dream (The Why)** – explores the experiences, events, challenges and the life in general of the protagonist as he is growing up in a poor family. As a result of his humble background, the lad determines to change his life for the better. In other words, it explains the reasons some people pursue dreams and 'why' it is important to have a clear understanding of why one is doing what they are doing.

Part two, subtitled 'The Journey (The Process)' discusses the journey that the protagonist goes through in order to achieve his dream of becoming rich. It also explores challenges, experiences events decisions, sacrifices and lessons among other things which he had to go through on his road to success.

The third and final part of the book - **Destination Success (The Result)** - talks about the life of the protagonist after achieving his goals. It emphasises the results and benefits of working hard and doing things the right way in order to achieve success. Also discussed in this section are some social issues such as the misconception that money makes one happy, the responsibilities that come with being rich and or successful among other things.

Start by Looking in the Mirror

"*Start by Looking in the Mirror*" is targeted at a broad audience covering topics that affect every individual regardless of gender, political affiliation, religion, leadership position or business. It aims to inspire, teach, entertain and challenge every individual to change their mind-set. Wadzanai believes that most people are failing to live up to their full potential due to their current way of thinking.

Therefore, with this work, he uses day to day practical examples in order for the readers of the text to relate and understand. Some of the topics included are making wise choices, changing the way one sees oneself, shifting focus from negative to positive thinking, desisting from blame and finger-pointing, and desisting from trying to please everyone and living up to the status quo.

Just like "Journey to Success", *Start by Looking in the Mirror* is also a three-part book. The first part subtitled 'Reflect' is basically challenging the reader to carry out a self-introspection exercise in order for them to asses where they are and where they want to be. The second part, 'Change your Mindset', teaches on some of the areas of life that people need to change their mindsets and why they need to change them. 'Take Action' - the final part - explores how the changes can be made in one's life.

With this book, Wadzanai hopes that the readers will be challenged to change their mindsets and begin to see themselves as the change that they want to see.

Wrath of a Broken Heart

Karma always has a way of finding you and when it does find you, it usually hurts. It is also said that a woman can love you to death. Now picture this, a serial player plays two women who both deeply love him. When they find out they are both heartbroken and the wrath of their broken hearts is ignited. It does not end there; they decide that they want to teach the lesson of karma to this player.

'*Wrath of a Broken Heart*' is simply a social commentary novel on the issues of love, relationships and heartbreaks. It is an exciting, engaging, fast-paced and thrillingly unputdownable romantic novel. The book is not only aimed at entertaining but also to teach people to be more sensitive and considerate of others' feelings especially with regards to relationships.

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SAVING AND ITS IMPORTANCE: SAVING YOUR WAY OUT WITH MITCHELL

By Mitchell K./ Bhizimusi.com

Saving has not been the centre of African culture and it is one such thing that is necessary but rare. The perception among Africans is that saving is for those that have money. But how did they get to be the ones with the money?

In most cases during times of crisis, people borrow or sell their valuable properties in order to finance the crisis. To those that can relate with the above statement, you can recall the moments you sold your phone, car, house or TV at a value below the market price because you were desperate and you could not wait to get a buyer with a good offer. This happens if saving has not been done. Saving has not been encouraged or instilled in our culture as one core ethic.

A lot of people fail to save for their future consumption and they would rather borrow for consumption. Once one starts borrowing for consumption he/she is already consuming into their future period. To make this simple try to imagine yourself earning \$500 per month and you borrow \$200 that very same month. Next month your salary comes and you pay back \$200 that you borrowed. Now you are left with \$300 and you are already \$200 less the money you earn. In order to finance your

budget, you borrow another \$200. Once you start borrowing, the next period you will have to pay back if not borrow again.

Borrowing will then become a monthly activity. You consume today what you should consume next month. One cannot survive by digging a hole in order to fill another hole. When consumption becomes all that matters one should know that they are headed nowhere as far as financial freedom is concerned. In case one has failed to save, let them not borrow for consumption at least.

Borrowing should be for profit and profit generation – when one borrows it should be to invest there by giving you a profit. Or to buy something that can generate income. For example, one borrows to buy a taxi. Once the taxi starts operating, the debt can now be paid back. More like one can not dip into their personal income to pay the debt.

Reasons for Saving

1. Savings help in situations of emergency. Some situations do not announce their coming and once they occur and one is not prepared the worst that can happen is selling valuables at prices below the market price.
2. Investment: One can only invest after they have saved. Investment follows saving. Once one has saved they now have a base of investment. The money saved can then be invested. This also adds to the income streams of the investor. Thus, one can now have more to save from.
3. Consumption Smoothing: No individual is going to work for the rest of their life therefore there is need to save now in order to finance future consumption...

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Adultery is When You Obey & Honour Your Pastor More Than Your Husband!?!

RENO: INSTAGRAM

By Chris Charamba/Hallelujahmag.com

Mind of Christ Christian Centre pastor and former host of Transformation with Reno Omokri, Reno Omokri, left many startled when he called out married women who value the opinions of their pastors than that of their husbands. That, according to the cleric, amounts to adultery.

His view was if someone is alleged to have been cheating in a marriage, it goes beyond sleeping with another person other than one's spouse. He labelled any situation that gives an upper hand to a third party over one's partner to be cheating.

"Adultery is not only when you have sex outside of marriage. As a married person, when you honor, respect and obey your pastor, in law or a friend above your spouse, you are falsifying your marriage and undermining the unity of the spouse. 2 is the company. 3 is a crowd. We offer you a job, you will consult your friend before your spouse. You don't honor your husband, but you kneel down to speak to your pastor on the phone. Your parents and siblings know things before your spouse. Are you really married or is your spouse just a convenience?," he wrote on his Instagram.

Conversations around women and their relationships with male pastors have captured modern media.

Since time indecipherable, pastors have been seen as intermediates liaising between their congregation and God and it is therefore understandable why people hold them in high esteem. That said, the majority of people today, chief among them being the critics of the church, holds the view that women, in particular, tend to have more respect for their pastors than husbands who the Bible is emphatic in instructing them to respect and submit to.

This school of thought spells out that women are subjected to a lot of things in life and that men of God usually proffer solutions to those. Most often, the notion goes, the problems women encounter are either marital or financial problems and that involves the husband too, thus the next likely place to turn to is the Church or pastors.

Consequently, concerns have been raised about the amount of respect that women give to male pastors compared to how they view and treat their husbands. This stems from some bizarre things some women are quick to do upon the instructions of their pastors, when in fact, they would not do the same if asked by their husbands.

What Do Other Clerics Think About it?

Pastor Isaac Atundaolu, Christ Apostolic Church

It is because women are more religious than men and also have humility than men. It is not that women do not respect their husbands but, they give more to their pastors because they believe he is next to God and also a representative of God on earth.

Thus, whatever respect they give to their pastors is to God indirectly and not to him. However, women see their pastors as someone they can commune with when it comes to family issues in particular.

Pastor Okechukwu Nwafor, Senior Pastor Living Fountain Apostolic Ministry

In this case, I believe charity begins at home. Every married woman should respect the spouse because your husband is head of the family, likewise married men, when you don't respect your spouse, your respect to any other authority is fake; when the home is good, it will show outside.



Apostle Sought Out Emeka

My view on this is that it depends on the point such observation is being considered. But nevertheless, balance should be stroke in everything we do. Our pastors are worth our respect as well as our spouses.

Archbishop Magnus Atilade, Baptist Church

It is very dangerous for a woman not to honour her husband, vice-versa. Take a servant of God as a representative of God and your husband as your partner as the place for one's spouse is different from the place of a pastor or one's children. Husbands and wives should love and respect one another; they should also reciprocate one another's love and be considerate of their feelings. I, for example, will not want a person to love me in an amorous way but to treat me as a servant of God. On whether to heed to a spouse instruction or that of a cleric, I will advise that depending on the subject matter to know who to give heed to but above all, one can seek the face of God to seek direction on any issue.

Jacqueline Ogoh

My take is this; No woman is permitted by God to honour her pastor more than her husband. The Bible which contains the word of God says every woman should submit to her own husband and respect him. In the book of Ephesians 5, from verse 22 to the end, you will clearly see God's instructions about marriage there. You will also find the same in the book of 1st Peter chapter three. Therefore, any woman who is honouring her pastor more than her husband is operating...

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A QUICK TOUR OF VIMBAI ZIMUTO'S ICONIC & TABOO-DEFYING PICTURES

By Chris Charamba/Enthusemag.com



VIMBAI: INSTAGRAM

There are times when Zimbabwe and Africa must come together, unite as a people, and discuss the relevant issues of our days. Here at #ENTHUSE, we often discuss premier arts, culture, heritage, lifestyle and other weightier topics, but today we need to sit down and take a moment to address Netherland-based Zimbabwean songstress and exhibitionist Vimbai Zimuto's sultry and prolific photos.

For a couple of years now, the unapologetic enchantress behind the absorbing and taboo-defying Vimbaitude Photographic Art Exhibition has been sharing nonconformist and highfalutin nude pictures of herself on her social platforms.

Iconic as they are, the pictures have made controversy her second name, and she loves and lives it.

To her, what you call distasteful, demeaning and indecorous visual representation is "art".

In March last year, in the wake of the tragic crash of an Ethiopian Airlines jet that claimed 157 people from three dozen nations, the Kurunga-singer used a sullen au naturel picture to send a condolence message to the victims. Myriad questions were asked: Why wasn't she wearing any clothes? Our society is too hung up on nudity, and the human body is a beautiful thing, but why is she covering her breasts? Also, in some of her nude pictures why is she wearing panties if the human body is so beautiful? And what about the photoshopping away of the stretch marks?

Although many concluded that her gesture was an ill-advised publicity stunt at most, she defended her actions, telling the NewsDay's Winstone Antonio that; "That photo symbolises the feeling of a person who has just lost their loved one; that emptiness, and that feeling where you lose your senses because you've lost the most important person in your life. You feel stripped of everything that you have. You feel destroyed, crushed, hit like a nail by a hammer."

For Vimbai, who identifies as a musician, model, dancer, choreographer, writer, actress and film director, her work and art are inspired by her grandmother and it is about "the boldness of an African goddess who has no apologies for being herself".

“Black women are judged in the world for their hair, skin, body structure, beauty and so forth. [However] when they see natural black women being so proud they feel challenged, frustrated and tickled because that is one thing our ancestors had and were robbed of. My Africa-ness is more powerful and is something money can’t buy,” said Vimbai, who is raising two beautiful daughters, Keisha and Katie.

Nude art is the purest art there is from body art, she said, and only the open-minded few who choose to see beyond the nakedness can feel the emotions, expressions, anger, happiness, sadness, weakness and truth embedded in it.

Now, to understand Vimbai’s work, one needs to have an overall appreciation of nude photography and art.

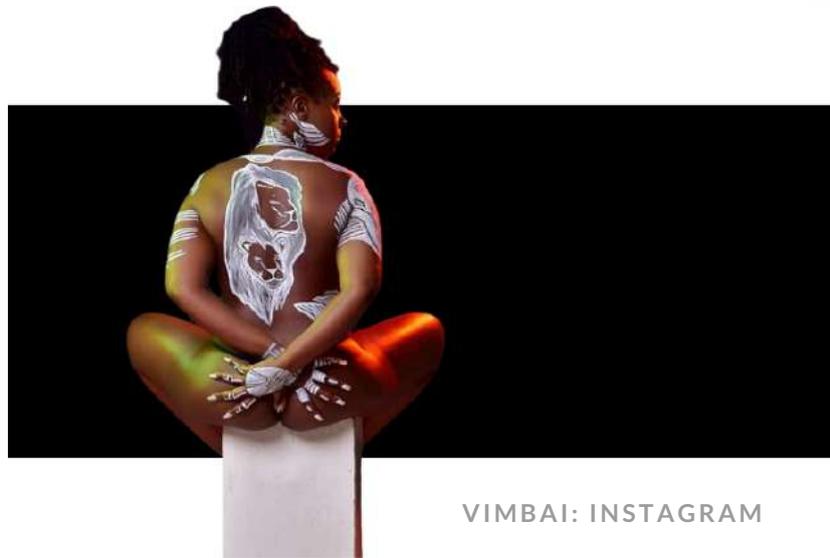
We cover our bodies with clothes most of the time, yet few subjects are more synonymous with art or beauty than the nude human form.

The human body has always been one of the principal subjects of inspiration for artists. In the beginning, the male nude was very popular in antiquity, especially among the Greeks, but today the fashion has reversed and it is the female body that is highlighted in particular in nude art photography.

From young men with physiques like Michaelangelo’s “David” to women posed artfully in black and white or colour, nude photographs can essentially grace the most intimate, or the most public, spaces in your home.

A collection of nudes lets you show visitors to your home how beautiful the human body is.

As our fight against boredom and idleness that comes with observing the lockdown to flatten the COVID-19 curve continues, we have set aside a selection of Vimbai’s nude photos that we believe are iconic. Come and discover.



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A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON WORKERS' DAY

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

Zimbabweans have always celebrated the Workers' Day year after year.

Some enjoy it because they don't like being at work and for others, it's an opportunity for a prolonged stay with their family.

Trade unions and political parties have taken advantages of the Workers Day to position themselves in the people and sell their ideologies to the Zimbabwean public.

However, do the people know the history behind 1 May as a Workers Day holiday? Do they actually know what it is they are celebrating today?

This article takes you back to the origins of the Workers' Day.

Workers' Day originates from the struggles of workers against 1800s working conditions in the United States of America. During the 1800s, workers had 10 to 16 working hours under poor conditions. Deaths and injuries were common during this era due to unsafe conditions in industries. There was no

labour legislation in the country and wages were very low. This prompted the working class to agitate for the shortening of working hours to 8 hours.

Trade unions were formed and workers went on strike in a fight against the poor working conditions.

Among the trade unions formed during the nineteenth century were the Federation on Organised Trades and Labour Unions and the National Labour Union. The National Labour Union vowed to continue fighting until their eight hours became the standardized working hours. The Federation of Organised Trades and Labour Unions made a declaration that after 1 May 1886 eight hours shall become the standardised working hours.

During the implementation of the eight hours as the normalized working hours, trade unionists were arrested and some of the demonstrators were killed or injured.



Today many countries celebrate the workers day which led to better working conditions for the working class.

In Zimbabwe, the colonial times saw inequalities in wages between the black people and the white people. Black people were paid lower wages than whites. Strikes against poor working conditions suppressed during the colonial period.

Today, the gap in wages between black people and white people has been closed.

The Zimbabwean population now celebrates the day that changed the working conditions for the labourers worldwide. Trade unions meet to discuss issues that affect workers in Zimbabwe on this day.

flows out of men naturally, but laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy: hard to be light. Satan fell by the force of gravity.”

What Chesterton argues for in the above-mentioned book is a return to an oft-forgotten aspect of Christian worship: the call to joy, levity, and humour. Therefore, because being a Christian is never boring, we have compiled nine pastoral jokes to cheer up your day a little bit.

A story goes that at a certain pastors' retreat, each minister in attendance was asked the question: How many people does it take to screw in a light bulb?

The answers were as varied and as strange as the people.

A Presbyterian pastor responded, “None. If God wants the bulb screwed in, he is sovereign and will do it himself without human effort.”

A mega-church charismatic pastor replied, “None. The bulb doesn't need to be changed. We should pray that it be healed.”

A Pentecostal pastor said, “None. We simply need to cast out from the bulb the demon of darkness.”

The fundamentalist pastor stated, “None. We shouldn't even enter the room because we need to keep ourselves separate from all darkness.”

A Baptist pastor responded, “None. If we allow physical contact between a person and the bulb it might lead to dancing.”

9 PASTORAL JOKES YOU SHOULD HEAR RIGHT NOW

By Chris Charamba/ Hallelujahmag.com

In his marvellous book *Orthodoxy*, G. K. Chesterton said something very interesting.

He wrote; “Seriousness is not a virtue. It would be a heresy, but a much more sensible heresy, to say that seriousness is a vice. It is really a natural trend or lapse into taking one's self gravely because it is the easiest thing to do. It is much easier to write a good Times leading article than a good joke in Punch. For solemnity flows

The Wesleyan minister replied, "None. If we just show the bulb its need, it already possesses the power to screw itself in."

A non-denominational pastor said, "None. We don't want to make the bulb feel unwanted or uncomfortable."

Advance Notice

A bishop visited a church in his diocese. Only three people turned up to hear him preach.

He asked the Vicar "Did you give notice of my visit?".

"No" replied the vicar, "but the word seems to have got around anyway".

The Ears Have It

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor and the other, a preacher.

As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was.

Upon reaching it they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus a debate followed concerning whose buck it was.

A few minutes later a game officer came by and asked what the problem was. The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The officer told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it.

Within a few seconds, the game officer said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!"

They all wondered how he knew that so quickly.

The officer said, "Easy. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."

Nuts

A preacher went to visit an elderly woman from his church who had just had an operation. As he was sitting there talking with her, he noticed a bowl of peanuts on the stand next to the bed. He began to eat them, and soon it was time for him to leave. When he got up, he noticed he had eaten all of her peanuts.

"Sister Jones," he said, "I'm sorry I ate all of your peanuts."

She replied, "That's okay pastor; I already sucked all of the chocolate off of them."

Poor Pastor

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

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STOP BEING SUCH A PERFECTIONIST!

By Terrence Mutemaringa/Enthusemag.com

Perfectionists are so caught up in ruling out anything less than perfect. If it is anything less than perfect, it is unacceptable! Even if they are right 90 percent of the time, that 10 percent of unsatisfactory outcomes stresses them.

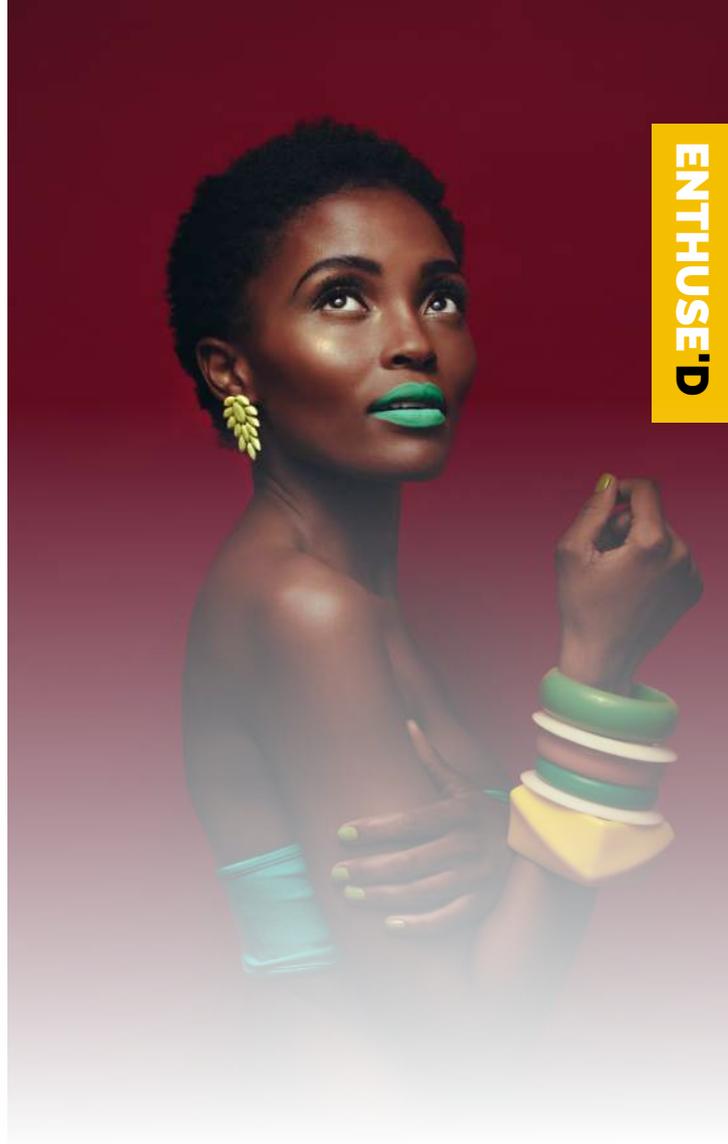
Do you ever wonder why perfectionists are dissatisfied more often and prone to stress?

Well, according to Geoffrey F. Fisher “When you aim for perfection, you discover it’s a moving target.”

The word Perfection origin is centred on keeping people optimistic. Perfection is a motivator in goal setting to make the outcome slightly less than or more like perfect. Perfection should just be a goal whilst excellence is tolerated and practised. As a famous quote reads “aim for the sun if you miss you’ll land on the stars,”.

Generally speaking, perfectionists are difficult to work with, whether as supervisors or subordinates. Unquestionably, they believe they are better than everyone else. For this purpose, their way is always the best way to do things.

Not only that but also delegating is alien based on the conception other people will not carry out the particular task in a satisfactory manner.



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In the long run, they complain due to cumbersome tasks and workloads for the simple reason of not wanting to delegate.

In the words of Philosopher Harriet Braiker “Striving for excellence motivates you; striving for perfection is demoralizing.” It sums up the whole ocean surrounding the island of perfectionism right?

Striving for perfection is taking on what is not within your abilities. If you set unrealistic, high standards and overestimate your ability, you are setting yourself to fail.

For the most part, the result is pure frustration, stress, and dissatisfaction,

among other unfortunate consequences.

Moreso, from a human resource perspective, perfectionists in the workplace are 'Naïve Realism.' For the simple reason of the tendency of people believing they see reality as it really is, objectively and without bias. Alternatively, the reality is plain for all to see and that a rational person will agree with them.

If you don't agree with them you are either uninformed, lazy, irrational, or biased. Have you ever met "control freaks" and difficult? This perceptual bias of naive realism might be the reason.

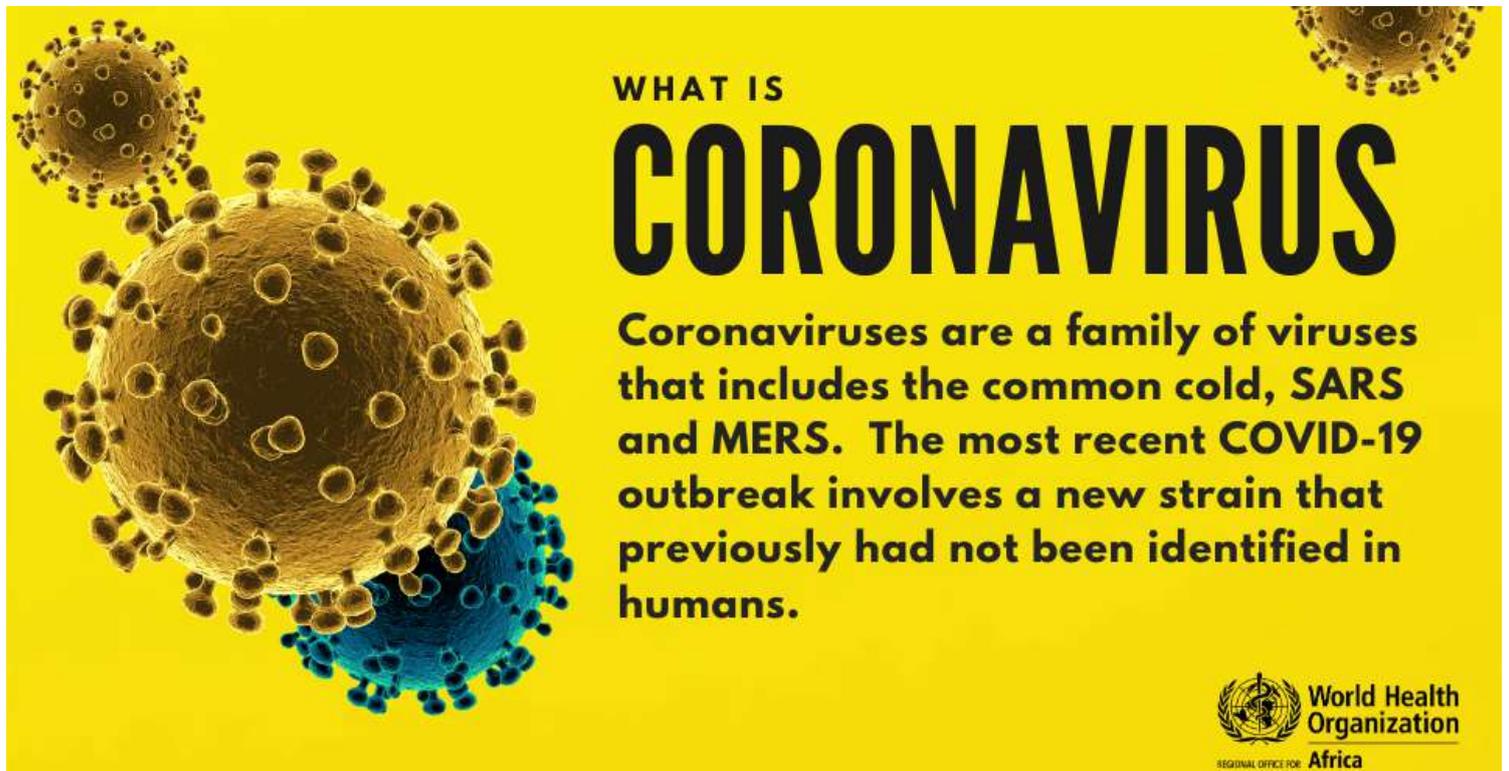
For the same reason 'omniscient' as a word must be used only in reference to God and God alone, so does the word Perfection. Michel Eyquem De Montaigne says "It is very easy to accuse a government of imperfection, for all mortal things are full of it."

Remember as mortals imperfections are innate, it is those imperfections that make us who we are.

Leave perfection to the immortals. Mind me I'm not saying slack or something but do what is logical and sensible.



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WHAT IS
CORONAVIRUS

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that includes the common cold, SARS and MERS. The most recent COVID-19 outbreak involves a new strain that previously had not been identified in humans.

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