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2025 Labor Weekend: NNAUSA Descended on St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America

St. Louis, Missouri got ushered in the Labor Day with pomp and pageantry. The most powerful Diaspora ethnic association in the United States set its eyes in 2025 on St. Louis. Each year, the Ngwa National Association USA (NNAUSA) normally moves its annual convention to a different city each year. This phenomenon has gone on for several years. This year, the City of St. Louis, Missouri got her share of the NNAUSA annual convention serving.

It usually starts with increased airport traffic heading to St. Louis. Whenever the Labor Day comes up, the whole America can feel the NNAUSA pulse because the city chosen for the annual convention witnesses heavy airport traffic pouring in from all parts of the country. Flights from other countries also started descending on the convention cities as of NNAUSA members who reside in other countries attend the year's convention. When Triple 'A' forecasts Labor Day travels, observers usually learn that road and air trips almost double compared to other public holidays. The reason is that NNAUSA members who bother themselves to go anywhere during holidays head out to the city designated for NNAUSA annual convention. St. Louis is it this year 2025!



DR. UGOCHUKWU AGU
NATIONAL PRESIDENT/CEO
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As NNAUSA members entered St. Louis, Missouri, the atmosphere around the city changed, characteristic of any NNAUSA convention location. People know that Africans bring friendships, dance, foods, etc. to their conventions. Those who have learned about African culture always think about jollof rice whenever they hear about these conventions. Consequently, city residents troupe into the convention venue to catch a glimpse of one or all those offerings. St. Louis, Missouri did not disappoint!

The NNAUSA President, Dr. Ugochukwu Agu, was on the ball with his eagle eyes.

The National Secretary, Chief Mrs. Ihuoma Uzoije, was busy weaving the net of convention officials who played critical roles throughout the event.

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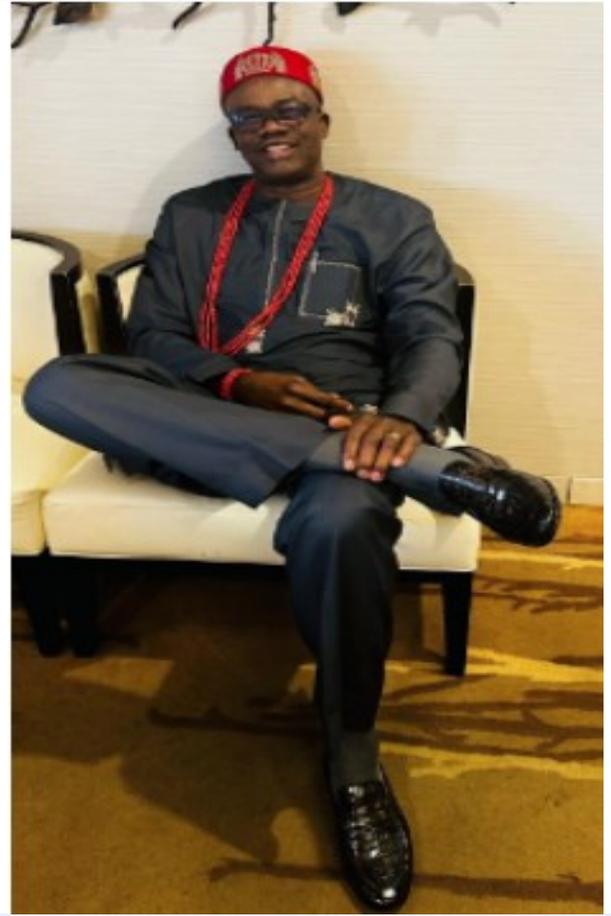
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God Rescued Azuka Jebose!!!

Family Report: On Tuesday, August 5th 2025, my dad, 9-year-old sister, and 15-year-old brother were involved in a serious car accident. They've each suffered injuries that require ongoing medical attention, and our family is now facing significant medical bills and unexpected lifestyle expenses. We're reaching out to our community for support during this incredibly difficult time. Any contribution—no matter how small—will make a meaningful difference in helping us manage recovery costs and ensure that my family can focus on healing. We're deeply grateful for your kindness, generosity, and prayers.

Two Weeks ago, I got the most horrific call imaginable that I needed to head to the emergency room immediately. I had to give identifying information over the phone for my siblings while I had no information on their current condition. I think about that day now and become sick to my stomach. Thanks to God, my family was able to keep their lives. That is not without the cost of the vehicle, broken bones, broken ribs & traumatized children. I'm so so thankful that everyone is now back home. The accident took place on 08/05/2025, and everyone was finally back home on 08/19/2025. 14 days of seeing unwavering strength from my babies. I'm so so proud of them. I want to thank everyone who has donated or shared so far, but we still have a long journey of recovery ahead.

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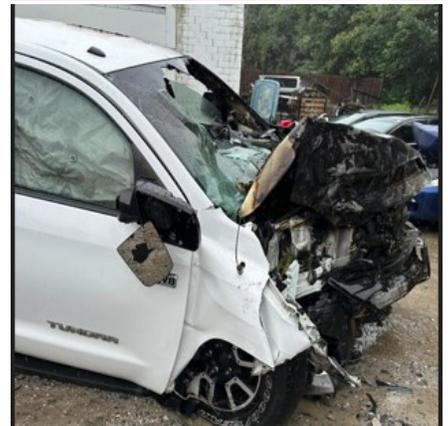
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Editorial: Life is one thing humans have no control over. Death is another such thing. The things that happen in between are mixed—some done by humans and others done by non-humans. That is why some people pray. Some people consult oracles. Others do the *comme ci, comme ça*, routine—that's from my French Language class, meaning so-so. They just keep going



by WYSWYG. We pray that benevolent spirits continue to crack our kernels so that we always come out victorious on the other side in all the situations that besiege us. Because it is not you today does not mean it cannot be you tomorrow or at all. What makes humans humans is the innate ability to share the grief of others, and always endeavor to see stuff

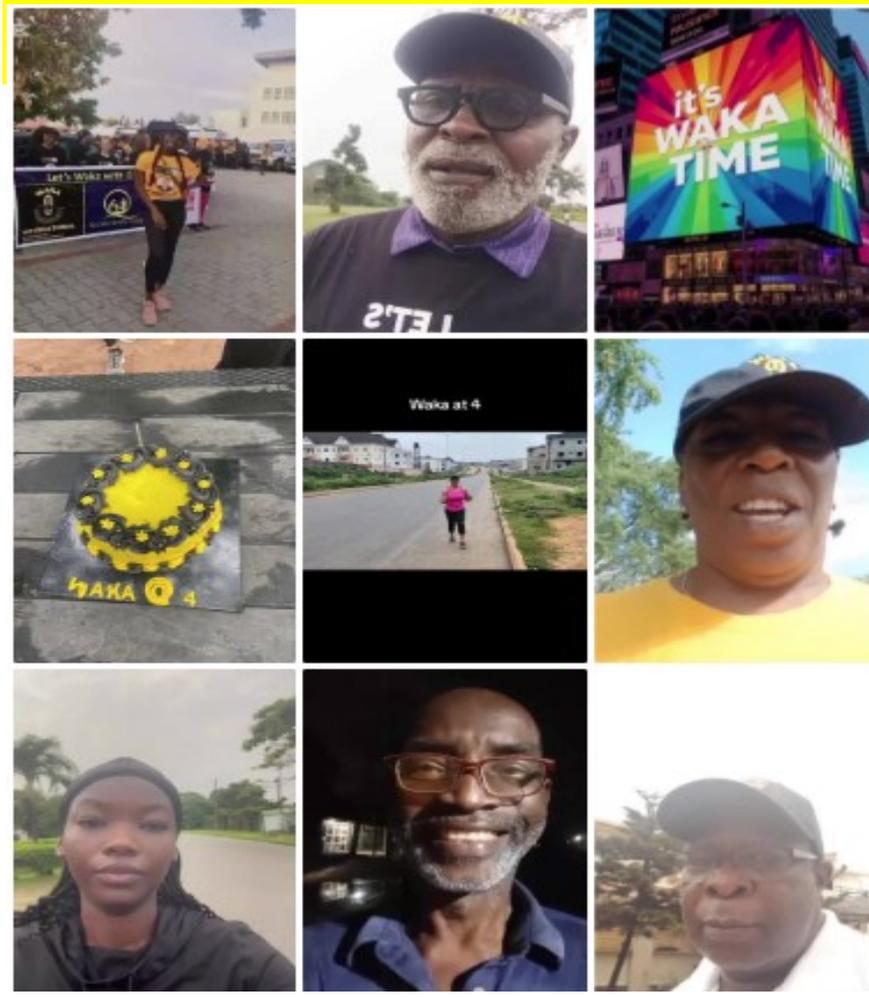
from the point of view of others. A popular band in the Enyimba City of Aba called The Apostles of Aba sang a song the titled 'Enyim' in which they said so many things one of which was that one man's sorrow is another man's sorrow. To wit, when one person goes assorrowing, others are expected to go assorrowing on the same account to share that grief.



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Who knows?

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 One is to ask what it is that you wish other people knew- and that would get me lots of likes and comments.
 But the more valuable direction is to look into the negative space of what we don't know.
 What's the best question you could ask right now, and who is likely to have something valuable to contribute to it?
 The post [Who knows?](#) first appeared on [Amanda Gustafson Coaching](#).



Guess Who This is...



Mr. Gilbert Musonda is the Chief Executive of Gilbeth Investments in Zambia, Africa.

Onesimus Matthews—Akwukwo N’Aga Ije!

If you passed through this earth and didn't come in contact with our very dear Onesimus Matthews (O.C.), you need to try to do so while you are here! I will not even attempt to talk about Onesimus Matthews here because this entire newspaper will not be sufficient to say who Onesimus Matthews is. The walking book. The lightning brain.

You will begin to learn from the moment you come in contact with Onesimus Matthews. If you don't learn, you will never learn in life. Take an example:
 “Are you talking to me?”
 “No! I am talking to myself.”
 “Oh! Okay. What did you say?”
 “I don't know; you tell me.”
 “O.C., What do you mean?”
 “That’s what I want to find out.”

He gave me ‘The Blue Sky Book’. Go find that book and read it. He worked with the International Bank for West Africa where he incorporated several company for clients; I mean..., when incorporation was a no-go area only treaded by the aware elite. His computations are ahead of his generation. He decided to go into aquaculture and ran a second-to-none aquarium.

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Save Our Daughter from Breast Cancer!

Nneka Molokwu, one of the smartest, kindest, funniest people I know received devastating news that no 30-year old ever imagines: she's been diagnosed with HR+, HER2- breast cancer. After making a few jokes, her go-to coping strategy, she began a myriad of doctors' appointments and consultations. It quickly became clear to her (and her entire support system) that this is going to be a long road, with her treatment plan requiring chemo, surgeries, and radiation. As we help Nneka navigate this road, we are hoping to support her in any way we can.

Short of being able to erase her diagnosis, we are aiming to make all of life's responsibilities as manageable as possible to help her maintain her positivity and humor through this grueling process.

We are hoping to raise enough money to help her pay for medical bills that her insurance doesn't cover, supplement her monthly expenses when she inevitably has to take time off work, and allow her to pay for things to make this road a little less bumpy! Please consider donating to help our girl!

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Powers and Functions of The Nigerian National Assembly

The legislature in Nigeria, as in most other democracies in the world, is the arm of government charged with the responsibility of law making and oversight functions over executive bodies and authorities. Its basic responsibility is to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of the Federation. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria vests Legislative Powers of the federation in a bi-cameral National Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

The Legislative powers of the National Assembly can be classified into three; (a) Expressed powers by the constitution;

Express powers are those powers of the legislature that are specifically and directly provided for in the constitution. These powers totalling over 111 (One Hundred and Eleven) are itemized under the Constitution and form the basis for the exercise of all other powers of the legislature.

(b) Implied powers arising from extensions of the provisions of the Constitution;

These are necessary or ancillary powers of the legislature. For example, Section 89 of the 1999 Constitution empowers the legislature to procure all such evidence, written or oral, direct or circumstantial as it may think necessary or desirable, and examine all persons as witnesses whose evidence may be material or relevant to the subject matter. (c) Assumed, powers as a result of Lacunae in the Constitutional Provisions: The assumed powers are rights claimed by the legislature which though not tenable as rights, are not unconstitutional, since there is no provision in the constitution prohibiting them.

The legislative powers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be vested in a National Assembly for the Federation which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representative.

See Section 4(1-9) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The National Assembly shall have power to make laws for peace, order and good government of the Federation. See section 4(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

What Is A Bill

A Bill is proposed law drafted by the Executive or by Lawmakers, to be debated and voted upon in the legislature, and if passed by that legislature, to be enacted into force by laid down Constitutional procedure. A Bill has to go through several stages to become an Act of the Parliament.



Barrister Professor Mike Nwosu, Ph.D.

What Is An Act

An Act is a law passed by Parliament. It is a Bill that is passed by both Chambers of the National Assembly and assented to by the president. Once an act is enacted, it can be only changed by passing another Act. Therefore, an Act can either create a new law or change an existing law.

Where do Bills come from?

Bills can be private member Bills or Executive

Bill.

(a) Private Member Bill:

Any person or organization within Nigeria may initiate a law. This may only be presented to the House or Senate through a member of the National Assembly in his or her own name.

(b) Executive Bill;

The Executive is a major source of legislative proposals. The formulation of the contents of these proposals is the responsibility

of Ministers, with the assistance and advice of Civil Servants.

While Ministers determine the scope and content of Bills, Civil Servants are responsible for working out the details.

How Bills Are Considered By The National Assembly.

The process of law making generally requires a long period of deliberation and consideration of the many interests and implications of the Bill.

All Bill are numbered or marked according to their chamber of origin. For example, a Bill from the House of Representatives is marked (HB), House Bill. While the one from the Senate is marked SB (Senate Bill). An Executive Bill is marked "Executive" printed on the title page of the Bill. It is printed tiny and to the right hand side of the page.

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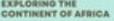
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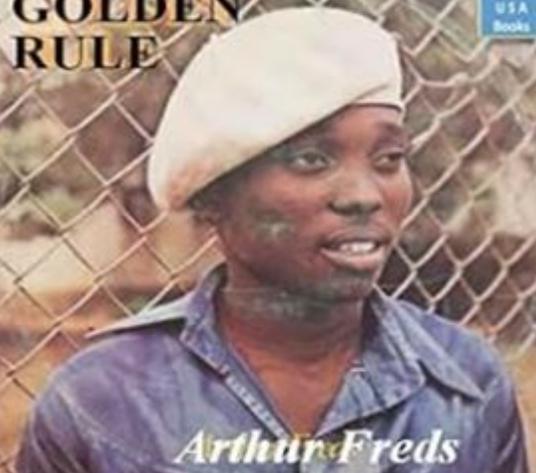







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The ILL WIND Blowing African Youth

There is a trend among the youth across African countries. That trend is an ill wind that will blow the entire Africa no good. They say, “when it rains, it pours” which applies to several circumstances. A good view and review of the African youth will serve the continent well, but who will initiate action on it? Who???

Instead of moving and boosting highly-needed Afrocentric ideologies, every mouth that opens will be belching “SDG’s and MDG’s” *for kingdom sake!* We will be busy looking at the shroud, the mist, the scarecrow, the shadow, the enigma called, ‘SDGs and MDGs’ while an erosion, a denudation, a tsunami, a corrosion is wiping out entire generations across the continent. The ‘moth and roth’ doth corrupt with reckless abandon! Are people interested in their long-term existence, or couldn’t care less? What exactly are those particular African youths looking at? Tall rose glasses? What? Painted sepulcher? Façade? Temporary pleasure?

Now, take a break from whatever you are doing. Grab a pen and paper. Get on Facebook. Check out ‘Stories’. Click on each ‘story’ and log it in your. Use the arrow to check out nine more reels. Make sure to log in each reel. Use the ‘X’ to return to the main page. Select another ‘Story’. Repeat the process. Five stories should be sufficient because you will have seen 45 reels. Check the log you developed. What is the common thread? I’ll tell you what I noticed.

My logbook revealed what I decided to label ‘Nyash Consciousness’. Goodness! What has come over the youth? Products, Goods, Services, Merchandise, Wares, and marketplaces have been reduced to one body part they called ‘nyash’! When you saw those ‘stories’ what crossed your mind? I’ll tell you what crossed my mind: the volume of sound that can come out from that exhaust pipe and the amount of chemical poisoning that will occur within the space where the sound occurred.

That characterization is a very generous one. To go full blast, one should know, agree, and say that youths have gone berserk with the ‘nyash consciousness’. Whoever did this to African girls succeeded (maybe). The girls under reference feel confident ONLY if they have the protruding back axle (two full moons in the same backyard neighborhood taking turns to shake with the shifting of each leg). The supplement are anopheles abdomen, and protruding headlamps. These three fake attributes, covered in flashy color dresses ensnare the nouveau riche dudes and blokes. This packaging contains what I choose to call ‘the unkindest cut of all’ (you know where that’s from). It is the unkindest cut of all because the danger is not just in the ‘sighting of the balloon moons’ but in the human immunodeficiency virus that has covered the land albeit undetectable by sighting. When you say, “Hei, beautiful girl!, you might be digging your grave. Beware!!!

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Nigerian Musicians of the 70s...

Those who enjoyed pop music in Nigeria from the time Nigeria’s genocidal war against Biafra ended in 1970 can easily relate to names like Mono-Mono, Hygrades, One World, Semi-Colon, Oriental Brothers, BLO, Aktion Funk Ensemble, Apostles, Black Children, Sweet Breeze, Friimen, Founders 15, Strangers, Funkees, Sweet Unit, Wings, Vibrations, Heads Funk, etc. The world is rallying around them right now. Don’t be left out. Play their songs on YouTube. Support them now on GoFundMe:

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Thoughts:

A tree is the only thing you will inform that you are coming to cut it down and it will keep standing there. Is it that the tree didn’t hear, or is the tree daring you? Dare tell a human being that you are coming to cut it down!



This is the man who wrote the trending ‘What Next?’ that kept a high-profile physician reading for four hours non-stop! How captivating can you be, Dr. Osita Okeke?

Dr. Osita Okeke

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IIAS AT NNAUSA 2025



A delegation from the International Institute for African Scholars attended the 2025 Convention of the Ngwa National Association USA (NNAUSA) that took place in St. Louis, Missouri. The President of NNAUSA, Dr. Ugochukwu Agu and his wife are seen in the first photo with the President of the IIAS, Dr. Folly Somado-Hemazro. The IIAS President also posed with the representative of the Abia State Governor. Dr. Folly are also seen flanked by his wife, Mrs. Somado-Hemazro on his right and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo who resides in her home city of Missouri. Kudos to NNAUSA and IIAS Leaders!!!

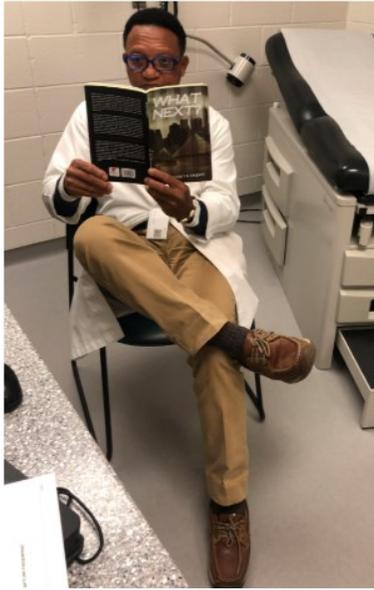
The Atlanta-based Founder of the prestigious Igbo Business League, Mazi Okezie Amalaha sitting somewhere behind the dinner table. He's one of the most unassuming persons you'll meet. Sitting still, characteristic of him, but sorry, we recognized you, Sir!!!



So many powerful dignitaries were milling around like 'nobodys'. We took the census quietly. We saw the inescapable ex-VP Mrs. Nkechi Anyanwu, Chief Bernard Amanze, Prince Oke Ananaba of Memphis, TN, and Lady Joy Okezie among many others.

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A Physician Reading ‘What Next?’



Dr. Joe Umesi, a physician in Raleigh, North Carolina spent time reading ‘What Next?’ authored by Dr. Osita Okeke, a philanthropist and community activist. Here is what Dr. Joe Umesi has to say:

I thought I knew everything about Dr. Osita Okeke until I read the seventeen chapters of *What Next?*. I realized how little I knew this man.

This book has all the qualities sought for in a good book – an enviable protagonist whose character was so vividly developed that he transiently becomes our son, father, uncle, and husband. This book is so captivating that it is hard to stop reading until you have completed it – this was what happened to me. At the end of my shift I picked up this book and did not stop until three to four hours later. I advise that you don’t open the book if you have an appointment because you will miss your appointment.

I recommend this book highly, especially for our children.

What Next? presents a captivating and poetic overview of the Igbo culture and industry from pre-colonization to the early 60’s. Any Igbo man, sixty years or older who did not experience the way of life portrayed in the book was neither born nor raised in Igbo land. The book also parallels other great books and novels. The author’s consumption of cold Akpu (casava prepared in a special way to make a dough that is dipped in soup and swallowed) reminds me of Michael Crowder and Onuora Nzekwu’s *Eze Goes to School*.

Remember the first sentence

of that first class novel – “Eze Adi was served with a cold bitter leaf soup – it was all that was left of the night”. The tragic death of Eze Adi’s father, Okonkwo Adi, mirrors the tragic death of Chukwuka, the author’s friend. Okonkwo Adi was killed by a leopard while

Chukwuka was devoured by a crocodile. Both Okonkwo Adi and Chukwuka lost their lives trying to make a living. The dead rat found in the author’s soup reminds us of how we lived in thatch houses and shared our homes with wild animals in the not very distant

past. I have known Dr. Okeke as a compassionate man, but the compassion he showed narrating the story (from the sweet beginning to the sad end) of his late wife and queen, Ochiora, brought tears to my eyes. The loss of the author’s mother one

and half months into his secondary school education leaves much to be desired. Through it all, the author survived, succeeded, and blessed the world with his book – *What Next?*. Please hurry and pick up a copy.

—Dr. Joe Umesi
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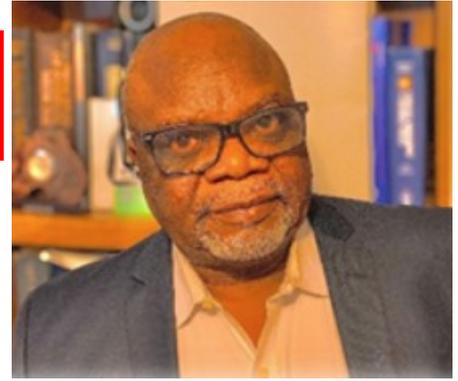
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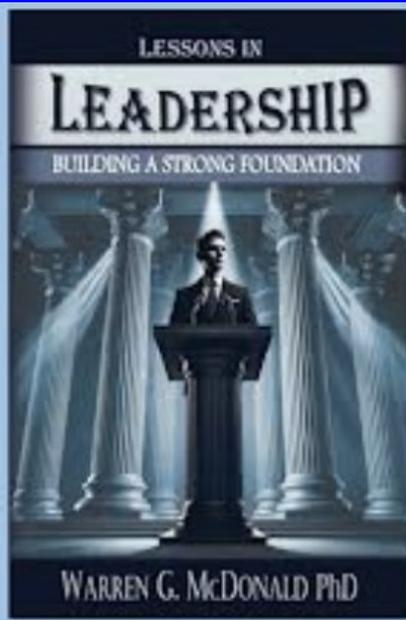
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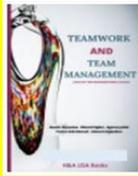


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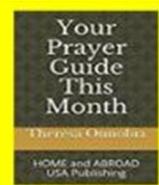


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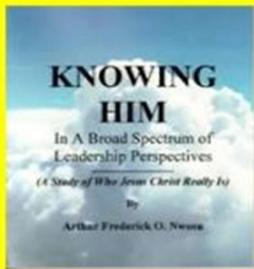
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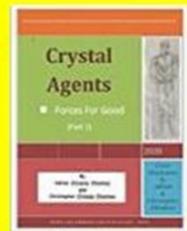
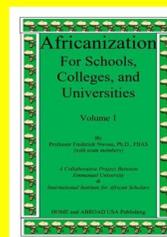
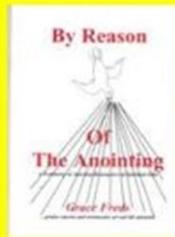
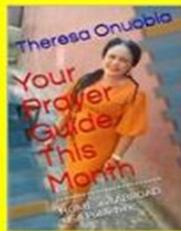
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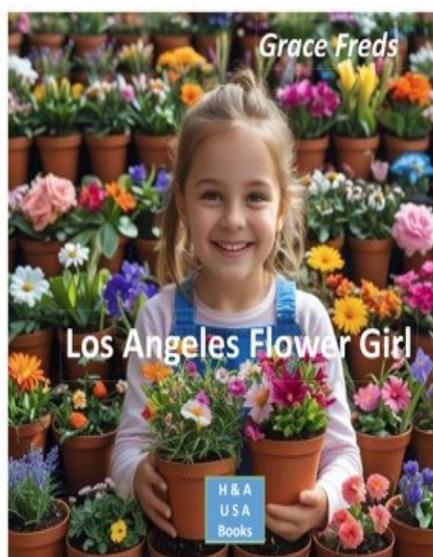
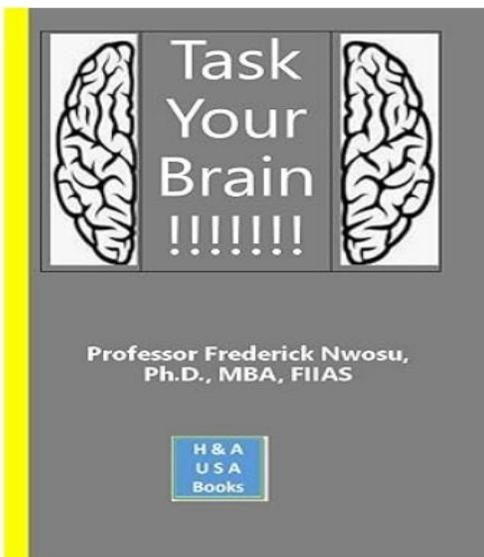
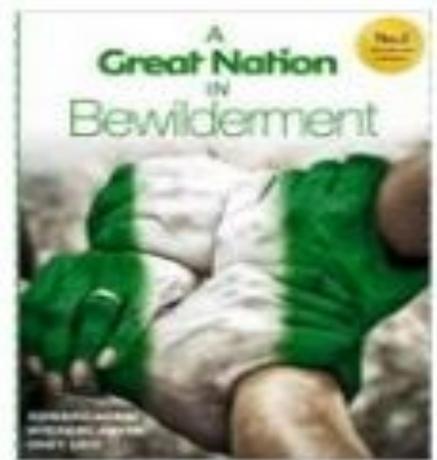
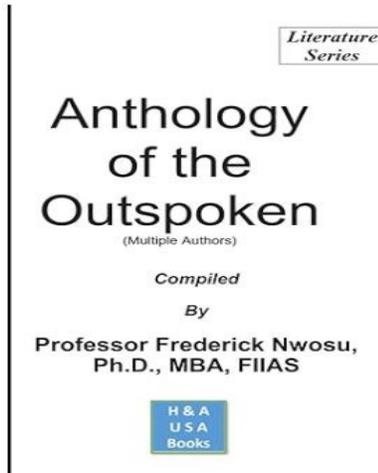
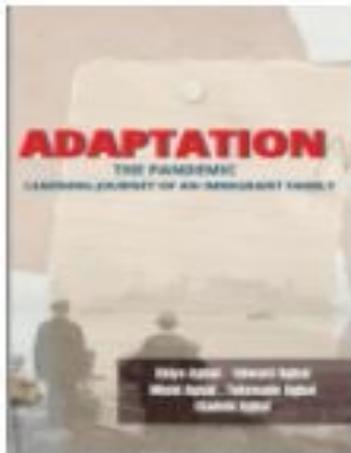
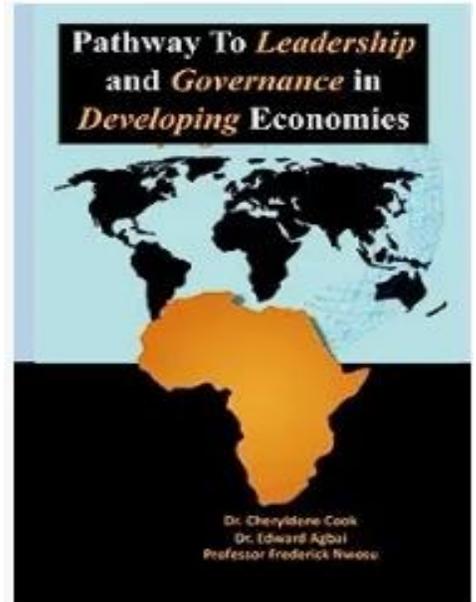
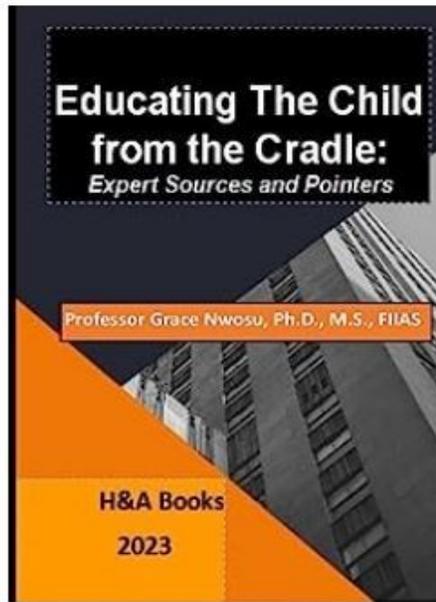
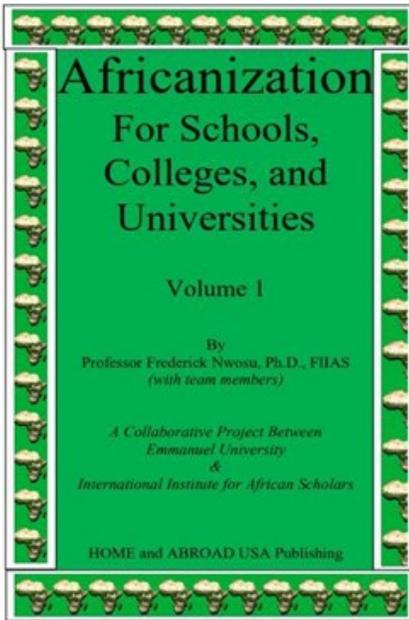
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