

NIGERIA *a FOOL at 40?*

On 1 October 1999, our great nation Nigeria was 39 years old. The road to civil rule has not been easy and we have had many heroes and villains along the way.

I BELIEVE that we can all be heroes if only we can sustain the basic democratic ideals of justice and fair play that should lead to prosperity and economic independence. The sacrifices made by our heroes past should not be in vain.

Consequently, I will like to share the words of John D. Rockefeller (Jnr) with you, which I BELIEVE should make us all ensure that Nigeria does not remain a fool at 40.

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I BELIEVE in the supreme worth of the individual and his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I BELIEVE that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

I BELIEVE that the law was made for man and not man for the law; that government is the servant of the people and not their master.

I BELIEVE in the dignity of labour, whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living.

I BELIEVE that thrift is essential to well ordered living and that economy is a prime requisite of a sound financial structure, whether in government, business or personal affairs.

I BELIEVE that truth and justice are fundamental to an enduring social order.

I BELIEVE in the sacredness of a promise, that a man's word should be as good as his bond; that character-not wealth or power or position-is of supreme worth.

I BELIEVE that the rendering of useful service is the common duty of mankind and that only in the purifying fire of sacrifice is the dross of selfishness consumed and the greatness of the human soul set free.

I BELIEVE in an all-wise and all-loving God, named by whatever name, and that the individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness, and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with His will.

I BELIEVE that love is the greatest thing in the world; that it alone can overcome hate; that right can and will triumph over might.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER (Jnr)