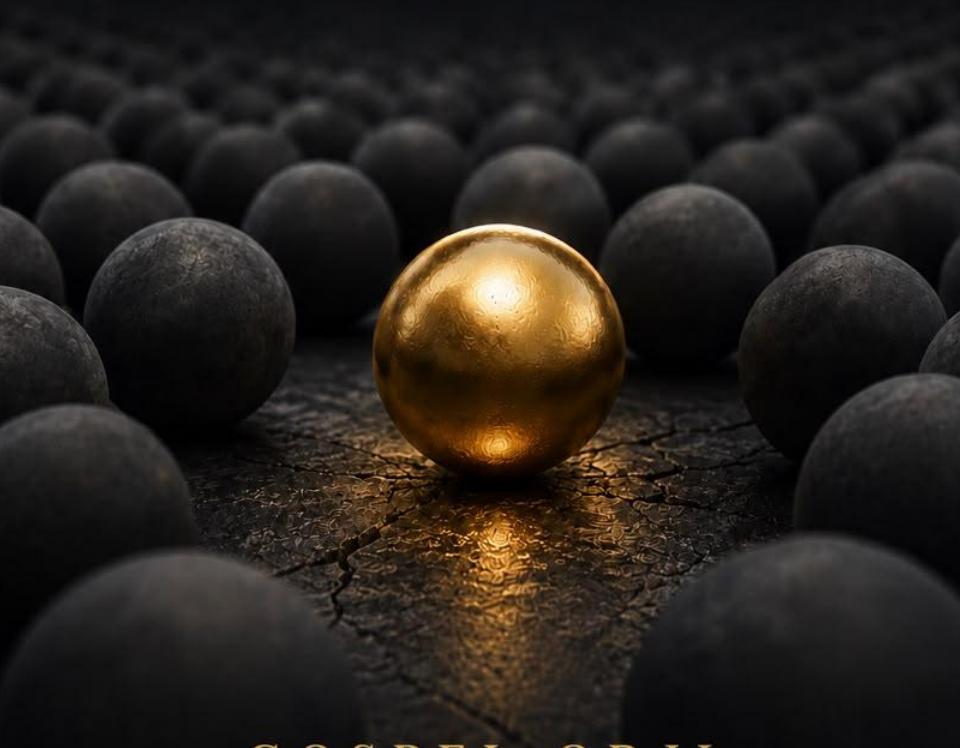
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INTRODUCTION

"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star DIFFERETH from another star in glory."
1 Corinthians 15:41.

We live in a generation where there is the scarcity, the shortage of authenticity, originality, and this has resulted in the abundance of imitation, photocopies here and there.

In other words, it is now difficult to find authenticity, originality.

Meanwhile, the world is urgently in need of originality, not "fake-ness", imitation, photocopies.

Now, it is important to know that God created you original. You are wonderfully and fearfully made. According to the Holy Bible, He made them male and female, not male and male, or female and female.

So, you can now imagine how God feels when a man decides to become a woman through surgery, or a woman trying to become a man.

When you do like that, you are simply telling Him that He didn't do a perfect work on you.

My dear, you are not expected to die a photocopy. You are not expected to end as an imitation. You came to this world original, you have no business exiting this world anything other than an original.

THE GOD OF VARIETY

It is also important for you to know that God is a God of variety, diversity, difference. Look at His creation (His works), and you will see varieties.

For instance, in the eagle family alone, there are about 68 species of eagles.

What of the fish family? Biologists categorized all fish into three major types. However, research shows that there are approximately 34,000 to 35,500 described species of fish globally.

Furthermore, approximately, there are 8.3 billion people on the earth today. I am sure you know that no two persons has the same

fingerprint. Though it is not scientifically proven, but, it is considered practically impossible for two people to have the same thumbprint.

The same rules of uniqueness that apply to overall fingerprints apply specifically to thumbs as well. No two thumbs —even from the same person or from identical twins — has ever been found to match perfectly.

Can you imagine that?

The truth is, if I am to continue on this path, there may not be enough space in this material to contain them.

There is beauty in diversity. There is beauty in uniqueness. And if your beauty or essence is in your difference, what then is the meaning of essence?

WHAT IS ESSENCE?

The following definitions are from the dictionary, online and personally generated. They are, but not limited to the following:

Essence is the core qualities that make you who you are and without which you would lose your identity.

Essence is the characteristic or intrinsic feature of a thing, which determines its identity; fundamental nature.

Essence is the most distinctive element of a thing. Essence is the unchanging and unchangeable nature of something which is necessary to its being the thing it is; its necessary properties.

From the definitions above, take note of the following key thoughts.

KEY THOUGHTS OR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Your Essence is your Identity. So, you lose your identity if you begin to copy others.

Your Essence is your Originality. Are you an original, a photocopy, or an imitation?

Your Essence is in your Difference. Are you different from others, or you are just the same?

Your Essence is your Distinction.

Your Essence is your Peculiarity.

Your Essence is your Relevance.

Ignorance of your Identity will affect your Peculiarity!

ARE THERE EXAMPLES? Yes, there are.
Do you know Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola soft drinks? They both look similar in terms of

content colour, but, they have different taste. Are they cola?

Yes! Do they have the same taste? No! There is what makes Coca Cola what it is, and there is what makes Pepsi Cola what it is. Why? Different flavours.

Friend, what is your flavour? What is that flavour that only you can give? What is that flavour that you came to add to your generation?

Sprite and 7-Up soft drinks also have the same colour, but not the same taste. They may look alike inside a glass cup, but are unique in their own way.

Just like identical twins, your purpose, assignment, flavour is different.

In the world of mobile phones, there is a huge difference between iPhone and Samsung. They are unique in their various ways. Samsung Galaxy is not iPhone, and vice versa.

In the world of football, there is a huge difference between Lionel Messi and Christian Ronaldo. They are good in what they do; they are unique in their own ways, but, are not the same.

Listen to me, if you are Lionel Messi in destiny, never try to become Christian Ronaldo, because, if you are not Lionel Messi, the highest you can achieve is the second position (a photocopy of Lionel Messi). I hope that is not your dream?

In the world of music, you have minstrels like Don Moen, Kirk Franklin, Cece Winas, Micah Stampley, Sinach, Frank Edward, Dunsin Oyekan, Nathaniel Bassey, Theophilus Sunday, and many others.

They are all music ministers with their different flavours, not trying to imitate or copy anyone. And one person's rise has never affected the rise of another.

In the world of gospel ministers, you hear names like Rev. Dr. Uma Ukpai (of blessed

memory), Archbishop Benson Idahosa (of blessed memory), Pastor Enoch Adeboye, Bishop David Oyedepo, Dr. Paul Enenche, Pastor David Ibiyeomie, Kenneth Copeland, Rev Chris Oyakhilome, Bishop T D Jakes, and several others.

If you pay closer attention to these men of God, you will discover their various uniqueness. For instance, Bishop David Oyedepo is both the father and mentor of Pastor David Ibiyeomie and Dr. Paul Enenche.

However, a closer observation of the operations (or patterns) of both Ibiyeomie and Enenche reveals that they are all unique in their own way. Bishop David Oyedepo does not do falling under the anointing kind of ministry (not that he does not believe in it).

What of his sons like David Ibiyeomie and Paul Enenche? They believe in it and walk in it full blast.

Friend, if you are not Pastor E A Adeboye, don't try to be another version of him. And please note that I am not against copying what is good or right. However, as you copy whatever you want to copy, don't forget yourself.

In other words, don't be lost in the crowd. Because, it is your difference that will single you out in the crowd. Unfortunately, many people are already lost in the crowd trying to be like another person.

BE YOU!

If your essence is in your difference, then you must be you. However, this won't be possible if you have not FOUND YOU! Help me say to yourself:

I must be me!

Friend, if you are still struggling with your identity, if you are still having identity crisis, you may lose your originality.

WHY MUST YOU BE YOU? WHY IS SELF DISCOVERY AND AWARENESS NECESSARY?

1. Until Purpose is understood and discovered, life remains an experiment based on assumption.

For instance, the day a pot decides to function like biro, that pot will end up in mockery. And this is because, pot is not biro, neither is biro pot, they are all good and unique in their own way.

2. If you understand your difference, you won't be a victim of competition and comparison. And this is because you're special. Help me tell yourself:

I am special!

I am special!!

I am special!!!

My essence is in my difference. Hallelujah.

3. Self discovery and awareness shows you that distinctiveness and uniqueness you were born to bring to your world. There is a

flavour only you can bring, discovering that flavour is very important.

For instance, I know that I am different from others, and that's what makes me special. Check my writing pattern or style, it is unique in its own way. That is it.

4. Self discovery and awareness shows you your lane, not another person's lane. It shows you your track which when maintained helps you not to be trapped.

Can you imagine fish deciding to start living in the air or the mother earth?

You already know the outcome of such fish. My dear, what is your path, track or lane in life? Every lane is not your lane.

So, those who understand their purpose follow their track. The moon was never created to shine – it has no light of its own – but to reflect like a large mirror.

Thus, the moon catches the light of the sun and sends it back to the side of the earth

that is away from the sun, providing light in the night.

That is why the moon rotates in a certain position all year. Although it appears differently to us on any given night of the month, the moon's position does not change.

To fulfill its purpose, the moon must always remain in a position to catch the sun's light and reflect it to the earth.

Moonlight (or moonshine) is light from the surface of the Moon, consisting mostly of reflected sunlight, and some earthlight.

Earthlight illuminates the dim side of the Moon, while direct sunlight illuminates the bright side.

If the moon wake up one morning and decides to compare and compete with the sun, it will lose its beauty, suffer mockery and frustration, and ultimately end in obscurity.

Could this be the reason why many people have lost their beauty? Could this be

the reason many destinies are now mobile mockeries, frustrated and in obscurity? Find out.

Not every one in the music ministry is called to write songs. Some are called to function as instrumentalists, while some are called to sing, and together they help each other to fulfill the assignment.

"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."
2 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV)

Many of us are not being found today because we have not found us (self discovery and awareness).

Find you first if your world is going to find you! I ask you again: Have you found you?

Until you find you, you may not appreciate the fact that your essence is in your difference.

IF YOU ARE NOT SAVED, YOU ARE NOT SAFE!

Success on earth and failure in eternity is a useless success. Eternity is real. There is life after death, and it's you who will choose where you will spend your eternity: Heaven or hell.

The one you live for and how you live determines where you will end in eternity. Those who miss Heaven won't miss hell. The choice is yours.

At this moment, if you have not given your life to Jesus Christ or you did it before but returned to your vomit, you are encouraged to do so NOW.

Pray this prayer meaning every word of it in your heart:

“Lord Jesus Christ, I know I am a sinner and I cannot help myself. I have lived independent of You. Come into my heart and change my life and destiny.

I receive the grace to live for You by faith, serve You all the days of my life, and to say NO to sin. Thank You Lord for saving me. Amen.

Now that you are born again, I would like you to be planted in a Bible believing Church near you, where you can be properly fed and nurtured in the Word of God.

Congratulations and God bless you.

IF YOU PRAYED THE ABOVE PRAYER, OR YOU HAVE BEEN INSPIRED & BLESSED BY THIS BOOK, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. KINDLY SEND ME YOUR EXPERIENCE.

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Interestingly, all these books are both AVAILABLE FOR FREE & ON REQUEST.

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