

African [Igbo] Holism: A Model for the Contemporary Quest for an Integrated Community

Dr Kingsley Okoro [okoro_kingsleyn@yahoo.com] +234[0]8037026069

Department of History & Strategic Studies/Philosophy/Religion & Cultural Studies

Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike, Ikwo [AE-FUNAI]

Abakaliki-Nigeria

Abstract:

The cliché en vogue in the 21st century is 'World without boundary'. This ideology has influenced the modern path to policy designs. This philosophy is the outgrowth of Globalization ideality, which aims at synchronizing the world system into one organic whole and heal our mentality construct of divided world that gave birth to oppression and dehumanization of those considered inferior and the domination of other forms of life. However, we seem to be experiencing system failure in this direction as many today believe that the more we talk about common world and shared humanity, the more we find and emphasis our differences. Therefore, instead of heading towards our vision of integrated world, we get neck-deep into our differences and this seems to be behind modern terrorism and bloody conflicts in several parts of the globe. Then we ask, "Is the idea of common community/humanity a mere illusion? It is in an attempt to providing a plausible answer to this question that the researcher came up with the idea of '***African Holism***'. The researcher while adopting sociological and hermeneutical methods of investigations underscores that Holism properly defines African vision of reality. In Holism, Africans maintain a unitary vision of reality, underline the common source of all lives and uphold the interdependent of all within the planetary system. This paper therefore suggests that if African Holism ideality shall be adopted as a model of relationship within the global community that our vision of integrated community would have been achieved.

Key Words/Phrases: Holism, Integrated Community, Humanity, Model, Africa, Quest.