America’s history has always been characterised by slavery, violence, and massacres. Perpetually used have been the methods of blackmail, coercion, assassination, and invasion to dabble into the internal affairs of weaker countries...on the pretext of curbing the so-called spread of communism. In reality, America is safeguarding imperialism, because she is created by the system and can never survive without it.

Most important, it is afraid of Islam, for as it is the truth which shines in the world, Islam exposes America’s weakness. It is a nation set on the course of deceit. The continuing slaughter of innocent lives in Palestine and Lebanon is America’s machinations yearning these places into theatres of testing her weapons. America’s raid on
Libyan cities a few years back and the now-increasing threats to draw Libya into confrontation are intended for the sole purpose of killing President Muhammar Gaddafi, because of his avowed opposition to her anti-Islamic antics. For sure, sense has deserted American leaders. In their fit of madness, they are scheming to plunge the world into total destruction of man. Are the Americans and the Jews branding themselves superhuman? In their shallow minds, nobody deserves sympathy, no matter how innocent, if he is not of their own creed. But let a single American or a Jew die while perhaps trying to execute sinister motives; the whole world would be prevented from sleep. Are these twin evils saying only they have the right to live and do as they like on this earth? Outright stupidity!

America and her associates in the West should stop deceiving themselves that their exploitation of humanity will last forever. The blood of Muslims they have spilled will not go unavenged.

America’s use of terrorism to portray the legitimate demands of the Palestinians to be given back their land forcefully taken from them, is as hollow as putting water into a basket. The world knows the truth. America and its cohorts are the real terrorists. However, when Israel bombards Arab villages, killing women and children, or when America wilfully shoots down Iranian or Libyan aircraft right in their own territory, that is self-defence! What an irony!

America now disturbs the world because Libya is about to produce chemical weapons, while unashamedly, she not only produces them and backs Israel to do the same, but also these notorious countries stockpile nuclear arms, all directed against Muslims.

America has bitten more than it can chew. Her massive acquisition of armaments, scheming, and manipulation of events to suit her satanic desires will NOT save her. Muslims will resist at all cost. Basically, America has signed her death warrant.
Commendable: The New Initiatives in Changing the Nurses’ Uniforms

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It is an open secret that many reasonable criticisms have been leveled against the professional nursing uniform which was imposed on us by the colonial master before and after Nigerian Independence. It was convincingly argued that a uniform which is not more than a short sleeve gown that fears to go beyond the knees, and a cap that uncovers all kinds of expensive dressed hairs, even if worn by a woman denied beauty, is erotic, provocative, suggestive, and above all makes convenient movement and sitting difficult.

Also, it is said to be a half-naked dressing, which fails to respect our cultural and religious teachings. It is a uniform, they submitted, useful only for professional or academic prostitutes in cities or higher institution campuses and/or for a woman who has lost hope of getting a husband; so that she attracts the customers or men folk because her two breasts are, perhaps, decently standing, her bottom is soft and still rolling, her thigh down to the ankle is yet to die, and her hair is at least manageable when it is dressed with all kinds of cosmetics.

Whether or not the health authorities in Kwara and Kano states were informed by the truthfulness of all these irreputable criticisms, or by the call of various Muslims and indefatigable women’s organisations, or by the tireless efforts of some nurses to gain more respect for their profession by putting on a manageable decent uniform which will recognise and respect their culture and religion, or by the personal conviction of the health authorities that the old uniform ought to have a new partner in progress; the fact remains that it is not only a right step in a good direction, but a
clear demonstration that all the colonial heritages must be questioned and modified to respect and recognise our indigenous culture, heritage, and religious teachings.

After all, education has been defined as the process of preserving, transmitting, transforming, or developing the culture of a given people. The word culture embraces the people’s beliefs, customs, social life, learning experiences, and interactions, among others. In another language the word culture simply connotes a way of life. The educationalists therefore agreed that any education that tempts to disrespect people’s culture, or attempts to impose another culture on the people in place of their cherished one, or tries to destroy a certain aspect of people’s culture without substituting it with a more genuine one acceptable to the receiver; this is not only a bad education, but will have a catastrophic result to both the giver and receiver.

Obviously, most of the educated Nigerians before and after independence realised that almost all the inherited colonial culture, including educational system, are not only geared towards corruption and immoralities, but will remain a dangerous threat to the survival of various cherished culture and religions.

Thus, an educational system which was established to produce clerks, Bible interpreters, office assistants, or translators; and above all a Nigerian by birth, but British or American by intellect, began to receive serious and continuous modifications with the hope that it will at last produce Nigerian by birth and intellect. Whether the hope is yet to be achieved or not is an open secret.

Similarly, the inherited colonial common law, judicial system, political and economic administration, social life, civil servants, and military organisations, among others, are at least witnessing certain changes or modifications; even though such changes or modifications are yet to produce expected results, it gives a sign of hope to be achieved perhaps after this century.

However, the inherited colonial religious way of life which is solely Christian, or is of Christian origin and which disrespects or
sometimes condemns any other religious values and cultures, continues to survive with its attitude of suppressing any other religious values different from it.

Amazingly, all the efforts of non-Christians (or to be precise, the Muslims, who invariably constituted the majority of Nigerian population) to promote their religious values, or at worst make them manifest in their own way of life, remains intricate and impossible, just because the Christian way of life, imposed on us by the colonial master, is not ready to accommodate any value or culture outside of itself.

Little wonder it is then that all the non-Christians (or Muslims in particular) justly request that uniformed institutions and professional organisations including armed forces should allow Muslim women as a matter of right to put on Islamic-designed uniforms; that Shariah-Islamic law be given Federal Appellate status, and it should cover Muslim civil cases; that the federal and state governments should as a matter of necessity hand off from financing businesses which have nothing but bad effect on mankind, such as breweries—that Muslims be given constitutional power to discipline their brethren in faith who engage in un-Islamic deeds such as prostitution, beauty contests, pool betting or games, co-mixing of men and women in disco parties, uncaring attitude of some Muslim women to Islamic dressing, to mention but a few; that co-educational system be abolished in post-primary institutions, at least in all Muslim-dominated states; that Islamic banking system be given automatic right to coexist and compete with the present one. All these, to mention but a few, are deliberately tagged as religious fanaticisms, especially by Nigerian Southern Press, who are trained only to protect Christian values and detest Islamic ones.

It is necessary now for the federal and state governments to attend to all Muslim demands which are matters of their constitutional right; rather than being deceived by various trumped-up reasons and oppressive call of those Nigerians who want us to main-
tain in private and public affairs the inherited colonial religious way of life, just because it satisfied their religious teachings and condemns the religious values of other Nigerian populace. It is rather good for the government to understand the language of peaceful call and see that justice is done at least in the name of peaceful coexistence and unity in Nigeria.

Appendix 3

Awake: Muslim Women

Jawayriyya Badamasuyi

Oh, you Muslim women!
Arise from your deep slumber,
Islam has come to liberate
you and has prescribed your mode of life.

It is out to enhance your dignity
It has given you your priority.
Why do you need to Europeanise yourselves, all that you have?

Why have you neglected your Islamic culture and upheld the useless and shameful fashion of the West?

Why do you need to bleach yourselves white because the colonial masters are white in colour?

Why do you need to Europeanize your head, while Allah has created the one that best fits you?

Why do you need to Westernize your mode of speech, eating, walking, when Islam has prescribed the way?

Why do you decide to strip yourselves naked on the street, when Islam has enjoined you to be modest in your dressing?
Why do you shout the slogan “Women Liberation” when Islam has liberated you?
Why have you reduced yourselves to objects of entertainment for men, when you are not articles of exhibition?

Is it that you are not proud of your culture and colour?
Is it that you deem yourselves inferior to the white people?

Do you consider the white women superior to you and subsequently worthy of being blindly copied without question?

Is it that you are not grateful to Allah with the mode of your creation?

Is it because abortion pill was not supported that you shout “Women Liberation?”
While you would not have come to this world if your mothers had aborted you?

Is it because maternity leave is not granted to unmarried women?

Oh, you Westernized and westoxicated Muslim women, it is high time you awaken your sleeping brain and make use of your senses.

These men bring and change fashion every now and then, while they remain in their coat, shirt and trouser.

Why do you accept the Western fashion dogmatically, regardless of the price and inconvenience caused you and which render you naked in the street?

You must realize that Islam has come to relieve you from being buried alive.
It has liberated you from being sold as slaves, and has saved you from being made as property to your husband (i.e. property for inheritance).

You must realize that men are out to spoil girls, but none of them want spoilt girls. Observe carefully everything that comes from the West; we start to join in their propagation.

Try to ask yourselves the following questions before you start in the propagation of the organisation brought by them:

What are its aims?
Who are its members?
What is the origin and what are the reasons:
Of what use and benefit is it to you?

Is this movement actually out to liberate women or they are after her strangulation the more?
Are there actual causes for women liberation under Islam?
You must realise that in Islam, men and women are equal in religion but different in status.
Naturally, men cannot bring up a small child as well as women cannot head a family effectively.

Honourable women of Islam, it is your duty to make Nigeria an honest, sane and morally upright society.

Prove to all the men that you are dignified creatures of Allah. Sit to your work and produce a sane society.
Nigeria’s destiny is in the hand of Allah and Allah has entrusted it to you women. If you decide to direct her properly today, you are in control, because you build the builders of the society.
Oh! Muslim women, 
appreciate the favour of Allah on you. 
And lose not your honour. 
Retain your dignity. 
Guide strictly your respect and modesty. 

And remember the Holy Qur’an, *sura* 11, verse 138 says: 
“Ours is the colour of God; who can be better than God in colouring? 
And it is He alone we worship.”

If you are a Muslim and believe in the Holy Qur’an 
And you believe the above verse of the Qur’an, then 
I see no reason why you will not hold strictly your 
culture, colour, chastity and honour, instead of 
holding another culture other than Islam. 

May Allah guide us to the right path and cause us 
not to deviate after, and disgrace us not on 
the Day of Resurrection. (Ameen)

**Appendix 4**

RIKICIN KAFANCHAN

*Ibrahim Isa Malunfashi*

Unguwannin da akai sharrin, 
Zan zana don a kiyaye su. 
Unguwar Mai Gwado ce farkon, 
In da suka dandana kudarsu. 
Sojoji tare da Ôyan sanda, 
Sun je Unguwar da makamansu. 
Nan ne Yusufu Zakariyya, 
Ya hadu da rashin imaninsu.
Yusufu ya sha mugun duka,
Daga gun sojan mabiya Yesu.
Dukan la’anannun sojan nan,
Shi ne yai mai sanadi ya rasu.
A Samaru ma wani Limami,
Ya dandani mugun halinsu.
Duk da kasancewar ya tsufa,
Sai da ya sha duka a gare su.
Sun bar shi nan yana ta aman jini,
Son tsabagen cin zalinsu.
Daga nan sai wasu bayin Allah,
A cikin Unguwar Gyallesu.
Malam Musa Bala a gida,
Su ka harbe shi don cutarsu.
Malam Na Kuraye shi ma,
Ya dandana fir’aunancinsu.
An same su a gidajensu,
Don fin karfi aka harbe su.
Malam Musa da Na Kuraye,
Wannan ranar mun yi rashinsu.
To, kun ji kadan daga cutar da,,
Su ka yi mana don kafircinsu.
Na sa ne cutar a takaice,
Don in nuna mana halinsu.
Bayan haka sun kama Musulmi,
A garuruwa don sharrin su.
A Kafanchan, Zariya da Kaduna,
Na Funtuwa ma an kama su.
Jama’ar Katsina da Kankiya,
Su ma an kama mutanensu.
An kama Musulmi masu yawa,
Domin sun taimaki danginsu.
Wasu an kama su masallaci,
Su na tsakiyar yin sallarsu.
Wasu an iske su gidajensu,
Su na tare da iyalinsu.
Wasu an kama su a kasuwanni,
Wasu ko a wuraren aikinsu.
Wasu an same su a kan hanya,
Wasu ko a cikin makarantunsu.
Wasu ma a wuraren kalaci,
Don fin karfi aka kama su.
Wasu an yi masu fashin kaya,
Wasu ko sun dandana kudarsu.
Wasu an kulle su gidan yari,
Bayan an gama tursasa su.
Ko rana ba su gani, sannan,
Ba sa toshe uwar hanjinsu.
Wasu an su zuwa kotu,
Domin su ba su kiran Yesu.
White yai masu shari’ar karya,
Domin kishin Musuluncin su.
White ya kulle Musulminmu,
Domin bai son addinsu.
Don sun ce “Allahu Akbar,”
Shi ne ya sa aka kulle su.
Domin sun ce “Allah daya ne,”
Shi ne kuma abin bautar su.
Kuma don sun yarda da Manzonsa,
Muhammadu, shi ne laifin su?
Amma su masu kiran Yesu,
An bar su suna sheke ayarsu.
Su yan gatan Nijeriya,
White ya ki ya hukunta su.
Da ma can tun farkon rikicin,
Yan gatan an ki a kama su.
Yan tsirarun da aka kakkama,
Su din ma an ki tuhumar su.
Domin danginsu suna aiki,
Shi ne ya sa aka kyale su.
Bayan kuwa sun kashe al’umma,
Duk da haka an ki hukunta su.
Sun wa Musulmi yankan rago,
Suk da haka sai aka kyale su.
Shin yanzu ina Reverend Bako?
Da mabiyansa duk an bar su.
Da can mun san an kama su,
Daga karshe sai aka kyale su.
Captain Manya da Ishaya Dare,
An bar su suna sheka ayar su.
Yau su ne gwamnati ke kauna,
Domin haka an ki tuhumar su.
Su ne yan gata ga hukuma,
Domin su ne mabiya Yesu.
Shi Ibrahim El-Zak-Zaky,
Da wasu dangi an kulle su.
White yai masu shari’ar karya,
Domin kishin musuluncinsu.
Su an nuna masu banbanci,
Don gwamnati ba ta kaunarsu.
In gwamnati ba ta kaunarsu,
To, ai Allah na bayansu.
Mu dai mun san Allah daya ne,
Shi ne Sarki Al-quddusu.
Mun san shi zai mana sakayya,
Bisa fin karfin mabiya Yesu.
Ya Allah kai mana sakayya,
Ka tsare mu shiga zaluncinsu.
Musulmin da aka kashe duk,
Allahu Ta’alah ya jikansu,
Su ma wadanda aka kulle,
Fatan da mu ke duk a sako su.
Su ma wadanda aka cuta,
Allahu ya bi masu hakkinsu.
Wadanda aka yi wa asara,
Allah mai da masu kayansu.
Ya Allah kai masu sakayya,
Domin kai dai ne gatansu.

### Appendix 5

**The Hausa Fulani Own Tafawa Balewa Area**

*Osa Director with Danazumi Musa*

*(An Interview)*

**Director:** Can you...trace the history and origin of the people of Tafawa Balewa?

**Musa:** When you see the core people of any town in Nigeria, you can easily see who are the real owners. In Tafawa Balewa, the core inhabitants of the city are Hausa-Fulani. The name “Tafawa Balewa” is derived from the Fulani language meaning, “a big black stone”; that is a linguistic evidence. The cultural evidence is that you ask yourself who rules or ruled the town. Again you can say the Hausas, because the Kanuri are Hausas culturally. Fulanis have been ruling the town since antiquity. The Fulanis ruled the town with the title Hargo. The Hausanised Kanuris began to rule the town before the *jihad*. Then we also had the Angas, the Kanuris.... In total, after the
Fulanis ruled Tafawa Balewa for centuries, then their brothers, the Kanuris, who are also Hausa, started ruling. Besides, the council of elders in the various quarters of Tafawa Balewa are Hausas. Each quarter is headed by the head of a family.... The traditional heads of the quarters for long are Hausa. By all the evidences, no single Sayawa man ever ruled Tafawa Balewa. The first Sayawa man to arrive in Tafawa Balewa is Ishaya Baushe in 1969. The man is still alive. We challenged the Sayawa to disprove this fact.... Ishaya Baushe is the first Sayawa to purchase land in Tafawa Balewa. He bought the land from Alhaji Inusa.... Before the local government creation in 1976, we did not have more than three Sayawa men with houses in Tafawa Balewa. With the creation of local governments, the Sayawas mainly were in Bogora district. But with their Western education, you cannot compare them with the Hausa-Fulani and Jarawas. They are the minority compared to these two other tribes, but they control the civil service. They came as labourers, workers, and settled at the periphery of the town. Honestly, the Sayawas are settlers in Tafawa Balewa.

**Director:** From your argument, the Sayawa migrated to settle in Tafawa Balewa. So where did they come from?

**Musa:** They came mainly from Bogoro district in Tafawa Balewa local government. Originally they have been there. They later migrated to Tafawa Balewa town.

**Director:** If the Sayawa are settlers, how come they are now more in Tafawa Balewa population-wise of about seventy per cent?

**Musa:** How did they get that figure? Was there any column in the 1991 population census figure with demarcation into tribes and religion? How did they know they are seventy per cent.... In terms of population, Bogoro, where the Sayawa are, is the smallest of the districts in Tafawa Balewa local government. By
1985, the whole Sayawas...were 90,000. At that time, the population of the entire Tafawa Balewa was over 300,000. Go to the statistics division in Bauchi. You will have the figures. The Sayawas are not reasonable. They are telling lies. You see a Sayawa over eighty years old telling lies. Even a clergyman telling lies. I have never seen any tribe in Nigeria of this sort.

**Director:** You have been living with the Sayawa over a long time. At what point did you begin to notice this animosity and infighting? What do you think is responsible?

**Musa:** Firstly...it was political. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa won elections from there. Also Ambassador Tafawa Balewa represented the area. But in 1959, one of the political leaders, Peter Gonto, became militant. As an orator with political power, you can...mislead your people just like Hitler and Saro-Wiwa. By 1959, he led the Sayawas from Bogoro district to Tafawa Balewa town. They could not claim the town, because there was no single Sayawa then in the town. However, he said they needed a Sayawa man to be district head of Tafawa Balewa. You see, if you want to dominate and control but you lack the majority, then you have to use another means, either through violence and cheating, if you cannot win through the rational way. More so, when they have good education.

Secondly, the Sayawas are not enterprising. They are good farmers, but not enterprising. Whereas the Hausa-Fulani people, long before the *jihad*, inherited their wealth from their ancestors. Because of the wealth and enterprise of the Hausa-Fulani, the Sayawas feel jealous. That is why they want to destroy the town and always burn the market. These are the political and economic reasons.
Notes for pp. 158-171

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1 See Chapter 2, p. 22.
2 See Chapter 2, p. 64.
3 See Chapter 2, p. 64.
4 See Chapter 2, p. 64. I have included this Hausa poem without translating it into English. Those who can read it will be able to feel the pull of the Muslim emotions about the Kafanchan ruckus.
5 See Chapter 3, p. 97. It is only people rather intimately acquainted with Nigerian culture and history who can understand the arguments here. Others should be satisfied with a cursory reading.
6 Probably reference to Baba Peter Gonto.