

Let's make the Country brighter for your Children and Grandchildren



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Overview

This article describes the Natural Law out of poverty and underdevelopment, how your country non-conforms to this law, the resulting consequences and what we must do to make your country brighter for your children and grandchildren.

The Natural Law out of Underdevelopment

Economics comes down largely to common sense. Common sense exists because life and many other natural events follow a predictable pattern based on the natural laws in place. The Creator, according to one famous preacher, does not have to impose judgement. The latter was built into the natural and spiritual laws in place. Conformity to these laws attracts and activates benefits, while non-conformity attracts and activates judgment.

Moving society out of poverty and underdevelopment does not just happen; there is a natural law that controls the process. Conformity to this law guarantees exit out of underdevelopment, irrespective of which society, its internal contradictions and external impediments. Conversely, non-conformity to this law condemns a society to perpetual underdevelopment irrespective of its blessings and opportunities.

To understand the natural law out of underdevelopment but how it operates, imagine cooking food for a big number of people using the traditional African method made up of three cooking stones. The food is prepared in an oversized sauce pan, covered well, placed on three cooking stones and firewood lit under (Illustration 1). The food gets ready in a relatively short time and almost everyone gets served. This illustration summarises the process that leads society out of poverty and underdevelopment, but also the natural law that controls the process.

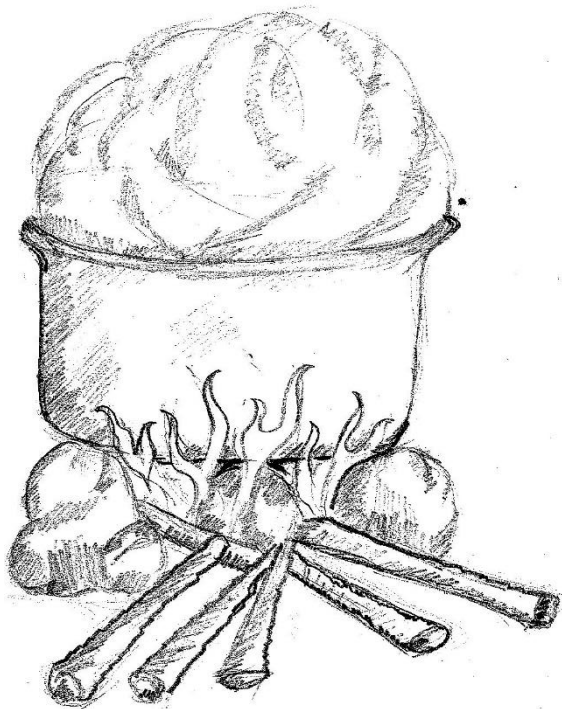


Illustration 1. Cooking food that is standing on cooking stones

Food represents the country's economy. Cooking fire symbolises energy that the country's leadership and entire society puts in the effort to move society out of poverty and underdevelopment. The three cooking stones summarise the natural law that governs the process out of underdevelopment. This law is made up of three development pillars, namely (i) Knowledge (ii) Skills and (iii) Right thinking for the country's development. It is on these pillars that a society stands in order to move out of poverty and underdevelopment. Actually, it is to obey this natural law that education became a prerequisite to transforming society socio-economically, but also to sustaining the transformation. Non-conformity to this natural law attracts consequences, as your country demonstrates below.

Your Country's non-conformity to the Natural Law out of Underdevelopment

To easily understand the non-conformity of your country to the natural law out of underdevelopment, and how this non-conformity comes about, let's go back to the example of cooking food on the cooking stones. Imagine again that one of the cooking stones was missing. The remaining two cooking stones cannot support the saucepan; they will simply give way and the food ends up sitting on the ground (Illustration 2). In this position, the food can never get ready no matter how long you cook it. The best it can become are small portions of food, in the sides of the sauce pan that is touched by the fire flames, getting ready while the rest stays uncooked! Just a handful of people get served.



Illustration 2. Cooking food that is sitting on the ground

The missing cooking stone symbolises the missing development pillar¹ for your society. The absence of this development pillar makes it impossible to move your country out of poverty and underdevelopment, in the same way the missing cooking stone makes it impossible to cook food and it gets ready (Illustration 2). Just as food cooked this way ends up feeding a handful of people, the economic growth registered in the absence of the third development pillar ends up benefiting a handful few in the country. Put differently, the failure of your country to get out of poverty and underdevelopment is a natural response that will happen regardless of who the leader is, in the same way cooking food and it fails to get ready, because it is sitting on the ground, is a natural response that will happen regardless who the cook is. As long as non-conformity to the natural law out of underdevelopment holds true, chances of your country getting out of poverty and underdevelopment will remain non-existent, regardless of what your policy makers say, as the next three paragraphs testify; and thus, creating a bleak future for your children and grandchildren.

Consequences of non-conformity of sub-Saharan countries to the Natural Law out of Underdevelopment

Although sub-Saharan countries have changed leadership a number of times since independence, although they have been producing an educated/skilled work force for decades, although they have received numerous financial and technical aid, they have remained practically the same, namely poor and underdeveloped (Figure 1). Meaningful opportunities are for a handful few relative to the population and this has been the case since independence to date. The scarcity of meaningful opportunities was however not felt in the initial years after independence, and this was mainly because of the few people with formal education then, relative to demand.

Over time however, the scarcity of meaningful opportunities became increasingly visible and it is now felt in almost all walks of life. The scarcity manifests variously as rising unemployment and underemployment among young people, a desperate search for greener pastures, growing polarisation

¹*The world that you and I grew up in prevents the African mind from growing attitudes that are critical to development. The absence of these attitudes in the African mind-set denied you, me and the rest of the Africans the right thinking for the country's development. For details, read prefaces of our story books.*

along ethnic lines, increasing conflicts over resources such as land, and so on. This disheartening trend points to a bleak future for your children and grandchildren.

Call to Action

Let's come together as parents therefore and make your country brighter for your children and grandchildren. We do this by supporting education to go beyond knowledge and skills and impart in learners the right thinking for your country's development. Support by buying a slot for your recognition at USD 10 or equivalent in local currency. This money will enable the printing, distribution and promote the use of the required books and their complementary education tools by learners in over 80% of the schools across the country.

