



# The Faith-based University System – The Trinity University of Our Dream

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# Appreciation and Acknowledgements



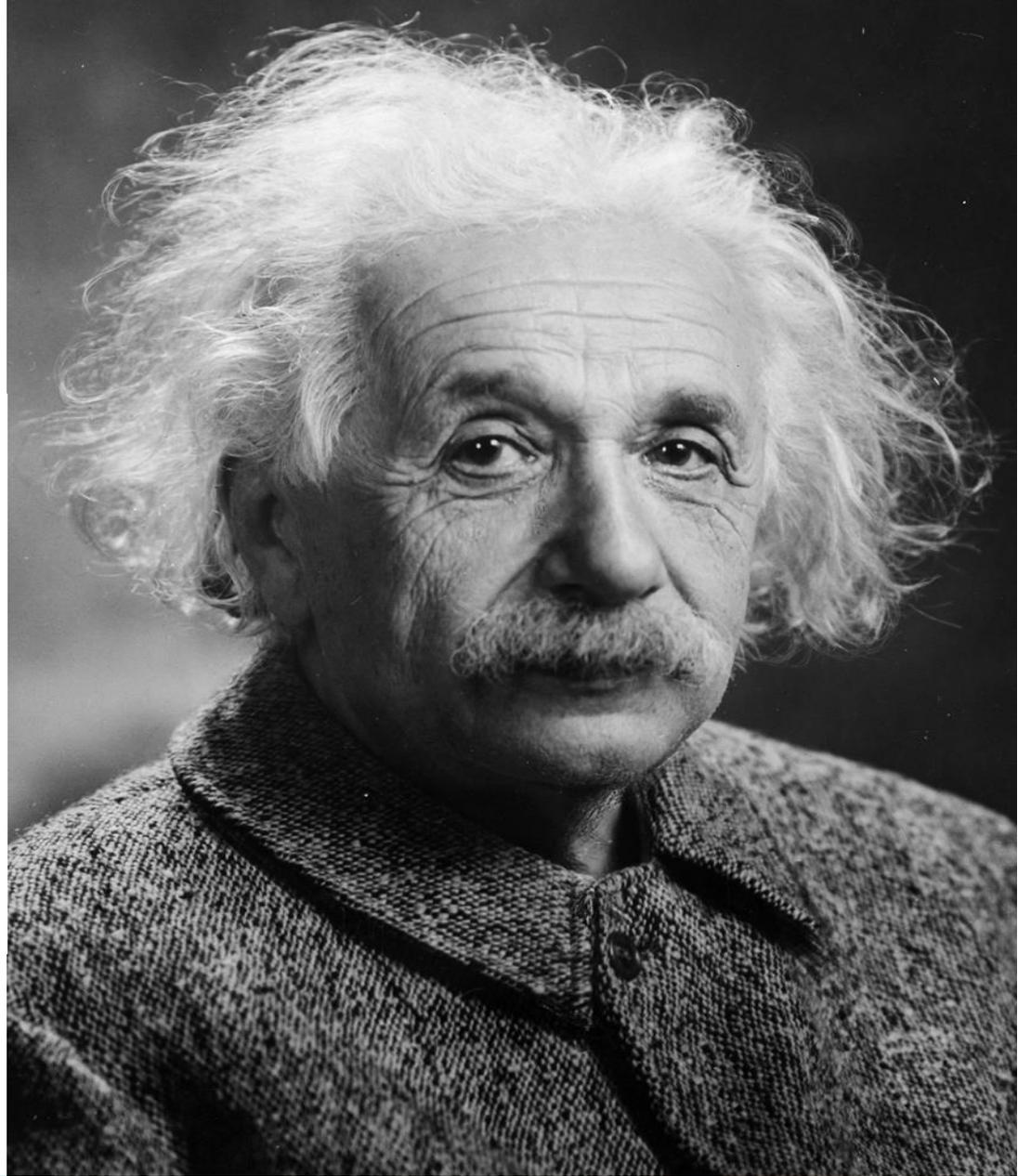
# Introduction



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“To create the future, we will need a huge shift in thinking, values, and action.”

- Albert Einstein



# Introduction Cont'd

- Faith-based Institutions essentially were instituted to challenge status quo and steer a revolution in that sector of the economy.
- Faith-based Institutions (colleges and universities):
  - distinctively address social issues;
  - engage in services to the local and global communities; and
  - involve students, faculty, and administrators in this shared purpose.
- The institutions are uniquely accountable and are highly committed to their faith which guides their policies and practice.



# Introduction Cont'd

- Faith-based Universities (FBUs) propagate the distinctive theological and cultural ideologies of their sponsors/proprietors through the pursuit of their missions.
- There are two distinct types of Faith-based Universities.
- The distinction is based on their proprietor base.
  - Christianity, and Islamic Faith.



# Introduction Cont'd

- Our emphasis is on Christian-based Universities.
- These Institutions are founded strictly on Christian Ethos and life-transforming values.
- Thus, FBUs adopt a unique approach in the conduct of their operations in order to get the expected product.
- Acts 4:13 (KJV):

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”



# Introduction Cont'd

- Their missions are:
  - unique and powerful; and
  - a combination of the hope inherent in Education and the gravitas of eternity (Daniels & Gustafson, 2011).
- Many of the founders of early FBIs are protestants whose primary purpose was to produce Ministerial training, particularly Harvard and Yale (Hunt & Carper, 1996; Thelin, 2004).



# Introduction Cont'd

## – Attributes of FBUs:

- Religious-centered values and beliefs
- Christ-centered & People-centered
- High academic and Spiritual standards
- Personal care (*In-loco Parentis*)
- Professional guidance
- Commitment towards developing the total man (Total Man Concept)
- High level of responsibility, accountability and integrity
- High cost of education but gives value for money
- High parental satisfaction (World Bank Report, 2014)
- Stable academic calendar
- High level of discipline, leadership and the fear of God.



# Private Universities in Nigeria



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- The promulgation of Decree 9 of 1993 made provision for the establishment of private Universities in Nigeria (Okojie 2012).
- The first three (3) private universities in Nigeria established in 1999 are:
  - Babcock University, Ilishan Remo, Ogun State.
  - Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State.
  - Madonna University, Okija.



# Private Universities in Nigeria Cont'd

- Their intervention was a call to duty towards addressing the decay in the higher education context, particularly with regard to:
  - moral decadence,
  - unstable academic calendar,
  - poor infrastructure,
  - inadequate qualified faculty, amongst others.



# Private Universities in Nigeria Cont'd

## The Total : - 170

- Federal – 43
- State – 48
- Private – 79

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- Christian Faith – 37
- Islamic Faith – 5
- Private Enterprise - 37



# World Perspectives of Private & Christian Universities



# World Perspectives

- According to Ayo, Ajeih and Eweoya (2012), out of the top 20 universities in the 2011 and 2012 rankings of World Class Universities by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking parameters:
  - The best 5 universities in the world in 2011 were private universities.
  - While the best 3 in 2012 were also private universities.
  - Out of the best 20 universities selected for each year, Private universities accounted for 60% in 2011 and 55% in 2012.

(Private universities are the hope of educational development in the World)



# World Perspectives Cont'd

## THE Ranking of Some WCUs

S/N	Name	Purpose/Ownership	Moto	Date Estab.	2014 Ranking	2017 Ranking	2018 Ranking
1	Harvard University	Protestant Church	Truth	1636	1	6	6
2	Cambridge University	Anglican, Church of St. Mary the Great	From this Place we Gain Enlightenment & Precious Knowledge	1209	4	4	2
3	Oxford University	Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin	The Lord is My Light	1096	5	1	1
4	Univ. of Calif, Berkeley	Offering Curriculum in Latin and Greek "The Pervading Influence & the Spirit of Christian Religion"	Let There Be Light	1868	6	10	18
5	Princeton University	Presbyterian	Under God's Power She Flourishes	1746	7	7	7
6	Yale University	Training of Ministers	Light and Truth	1701	8	12	12



# The Trinity University of Our Dream



# The Trinity of Our Dream

- Moto: Building on the Rock
- Matt. 7:24-25



# The Trinity of Our Dream Cont'd

- Core Values:
  - Academic Excellence
  - Professionalism
  - Responsibility
  - Integrity
  - Christian Values
  - Leadership



# The Trinity of Our Dream Cont'd

- Our Unique Selling Points:

In addition to the Degrees awarded in your respective disciplines, you shall have a:

- ✓ Certificate in IT (International IT Certifications)
- ✓ Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Certificate in Leadership and Governance
- ✓ Certificate in French
- ✓ Certificate in Chinese



# The Trinity of Our Dream Cont'd

- Our Unique Selling Points:
  - 24/7 Electricity Supply
  - 24/7 Water Supply
  - 24/7 Internet Services
  - Well-furnished lecture Rooms with Multimedia projectors
  - Adoption of Moodle as the Learning Management System
  - Well-furnished laboratories with the state-of-the-art facilities



# The Trinity of Our Dream Cont'd

- Our Unique Selling Points:
  - Foster collaborations and linkages with renowned universities and endowed researchers
  - Student/Faculty Exchange
  - Yearly Industrial Training for all students
  - Teaching method:
    - Problem-based Learning
    - Research-informed Teaching



# Recommendations & Conclusion



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- Trinity University has come to stay. To God be all the Glory!
- Once again, I congratulate the Founders, Pioneer Staff and students
- Efforts shall be geared towards publicizing TU
- Commencement of Collaboration with the Sectors of the Economy
- Commencement of Community Impact Activities
  - LGAs & General Public
- Completion of this Session in Dec. 2019
- We can predict the Convocation Ceremony



# Recommendations & Conclusion

- **Concerted efforts toward:**
  - T/G Seminar series
  - Improved Spirituality & Discipline amongst Staff and Students
  - Cultivate the Academic culture of Weekly Seminar Series
- **Directing research focus to address Societal problems:**
  - Local challenges within Lagos/Yaba and environs
  - Specific Issues in SDGs
  - Specific Issues in African Agenda (2063)
- **Your Community Service should target problematic issues in:**
  - Schools, Clinics, Roads (Zebra crossing, Filling pot-holes, etc)



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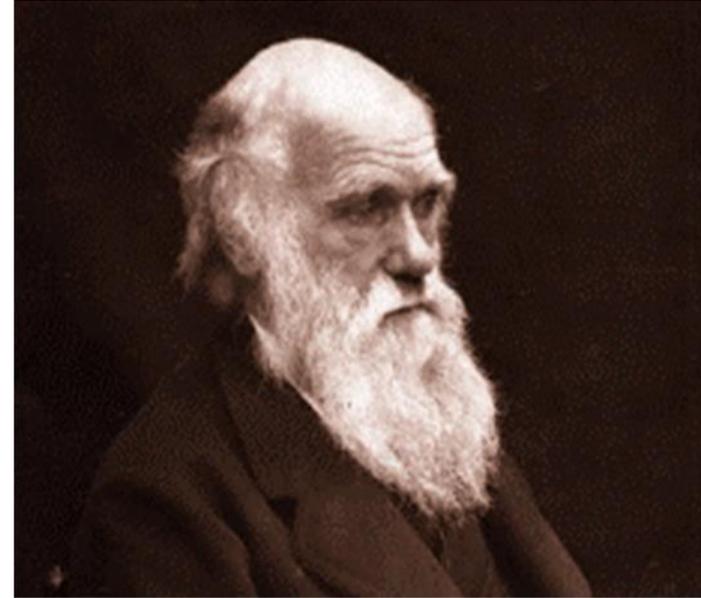
- Communication of other details:
  - Dress Code
  - Lecture & Examination rules
  - Spiritual Activities on Campus
  - Etc.



# Recommendations & Conclusion

“It is not the strongest of animals that survive, nor the most intelligent ones. It is the ones that are most adaptive to change.”

- Charles Darwin



# Recommendations & Conclusion

- Finally:

Acts 20:32 (KJV) –

- ✓ And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.





**Thank You For Listening**