**DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND JUSTICE**

No doubt, many developing countries today have challenges with governance and the practice of justice. This has torn many societies apart and led to civil unrest if not absolute devastation. Consequently, democratic system of governance has been embraced by many nations as the best way of achieving a more peaceful society. Yet, this has shown that no system is absolutely perfect, as human life in some of these democratic societies is characterized by many social problems. However, mankind has not given up in his effort to make things better. Nigeria as an independent country, cannot wash off her hands from the mess described above. Her long history has been a pitiful and an offensive experience, such that its environment is always a charged one. Many have consistently seen this as the reason for her poor runs on the democratic tracks. One can rightly ask; is there still hope for a better tomorrow in a country threatened by; Opposing Religious ideologies and intolerance (Islam and Christianity), Ethnic crisis, cultural differences, corruption, inequality, injustice, flagrant violation of Human rights and abuse of liberty, structural and systemic decays?

TASK AHEAD: The purpose of this work is to make a scholarly and philosophical appraisal of the Nigerian political system, her style of democratic governance and the practice of justice. I will try to identify some of the obstacles militating against the realization of true democratic governance and justice. My belief is that these investigations and the aftermath suggestions will be therapeutic – that is, possible solutions in such a multi-religious, cultural, and ethnic diverse society. Granted that democratic governance has come to stay in Nigeria, the objective here is to see how: the Country can promote good democratic governance and be faithful to the principles of justice. It is on this ground, that the importance of philosophy as a scientific tool is required, in order to nurture the minds of her leaders and the people for a way forward. Hence, it is urgent, that the country articulates and stands behind a solid, coherent, plausible and practical philosophy that offers ideas on how to solve her numerous challenges. This is the task of philosophy: setting ideas and objectives on what justice and governance entail. I will show its importance in political life, religious sphere, ethnic relation, and economic development, moral and societal values. If the country could be obedient to the principles laid down by philosophy, the challenges could be resolved easily.