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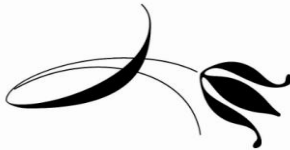
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FOREWORD

While Richard Posner writes that the craft of public intellectualism is declining, Prof. Kenneth K. Mwenda's is on the rise. In March 2001, Zambia's leading private newspaper, *The Post*, headlined a commendation letter written by a prominent Zambian Journalist, Chibamba Kanyama, on a then budding young African legal scholar, Kenneth Mwenda. The author of that commendation letter, Chibamba Kanyama, now serving as Advisor in the Communications Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington DC, was at the time based at the University of Reading in the UK. In his letter, Kanyama described Kenneth Mwenda's unparalleled academic record as "a rare phenomenon".

Prof Kenneth Mwenda is a leading intellectual luminary who, without doubt, ranks amongst the top ten (10) best legal minds that Africa has produced in the twenty-first century. He has taught at some of the best universities in the world, including the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom. He holds a PhD in Law from the said University of Warwick. And who would have imagined that the rare phenomenon referred to by Kanyama in his published letter of 2001 would become rarer with the

conferring of a rare Higher Doctorate degree in law (LLD) on Kenneth Mwenda by Rhodes University of South Africa in 2008! Rhodes University, one of the leading universities in Africa, had never in its entire rich history awarded such a distinguished academic award until Kenneth Mwenda received the same. All in all, there are not more than eight (8) to ten (10) eminent African legal scholars with an earned Higher Doctorate degree in Law.

A Rhodes Scholar, Mwenda graduated from, among other institutions, the prestigious Oxford University. In 1998, he turned down a fully funded fellowship to join Yale University Law School, the best law school in the USA, for another competitive offer from the World Bank. It should be noted that the Higher Doctorate degree conferred on Mwenda by Rhodes University in 2008 is a distinguished and rarely awarded senior doctorate. It was awarded after a thorough examination and in recognition of Mwenda's prodigious output of high quality scholarly publications. The story gets even better. Mwenda achieved the rarest academic status in 2014 when he was conferred upon the second Higher Doctorate degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (DSc(Econ)) by a leading British university, the University of Hull. This honour was in recognition of his continued output of highest quality scholarly works, covering both books and peer reviewed articles in leading journals. Hitherto, Mwenda has

produced about twenty-five (25) leading books and about ninety (90) journal articles on various subjects, including financial institutions, financial regulation, banking, corruption, corporate governance, diplomatic immunities, public and private international law, money laundering, economic development and related and varied other fields.

Prof. Mwenda's rather as yet not known unique quality and a class by himself is that of public intellectualism whereby he observes everyday life which he then distils into pithy and poignant published metaphors and musings. It is dizzyingly pleasing to read a collection of these metaphors in his latest book which you are holding in your hands. When these self-created "thoughts" were initially sent to me, I thought Mwenda was collecting and circulating other people's sayings until I noted that he had actually thought them and collected them himself. In all cultures, similar sayings are a collection of numerous people's thoughts and ideas and they would have been accumulating over very long periods of time. They are a common heritage of humankind. But in this rare case, Mwenda has sculptured them in his mind all by himself. When you start reading *Public Intellectualism and Sociopolitical Inquiry through Metaphor and Musing*, you will be convinced that Mwenda is one of the greatest public intellectuals of our era, in the company of

Henry Louis Gates Jr.; Cornel West; Ali Mazrui; Wole Soyinka and all those studied in Justice Richard Posner's book entitled, *Public Intellectuals*. Mwenda's unique intellectualism is also evident in his other publication entitled, *Anthology in Law and the Social Sciences* in which his commentaries on all conceivable subjects is in full display and a marvel to read. Welcome to a most pleasing roller-coaster ride I have the pleasure of recommending.

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PREFACE

While this book does not purport or pretend to have all the answers to the many socio-political challenges that we face in life, it certainly does raise some thought-provoking questions for us to think through. I hasten to add, however, that the book is not a work of fiction. Rather, it is an example of public intellectualism in the Social Sciences. The book distills complex ideas into easily discernible ideas. Such is a cardinal objective of the book – to provoke some critical thinking on topical themes pertaining to socio-political inquiry. This objective is pursued through the use of metaphors and musings. In many cultures, especially those that place much emphasis on oral tradition, knowledge is often handed down to the younger generation through various adages, sayings, metaphors, musings and stories told by the elders to the younger folks around the fire-place. This book attempts to draw from such a tradition, lighting the fire-place and then distilling some untapped wisdom for posterity and the readership.

The writing of the book was prompted by the increasing and growing demand from friends and colleagues for a book that would bring together a collection of some of my notable sayings that I had

shared with them over the years on social media or via electronic mail. So, all the sayings contained in this book are not borrowed material, but originally my own. For the reader who is interested in non-original material lifted from other people, you are reading a wrong book. This book is not meant for you. However, for the reader who is interested in reading novel and refreshingly original ideas, this book is meant for you. And you will find a companion in the book. As noted above, the ideas presented in this book are my own.

As a scholar, I have been influenced at various levels of consciousness by the works of many writers and philosophers as well as by many traditions and cultures. And the ideas presented in this book come from a broad spectrum of meta-paradigmatic thoughts that cut across various disciplines in the social sciences. That said, the sound and heartbeat of my work remains my own. Indeed, creative problem-solving requires us to think outside the box. We cannot succeed by using the same models and approaches that led to the very problems that we are trying to solve. We must evolve and adapt. Every system must adapt. It should not be static because change is, ultimately, inevitable. What matters is how we manage that change.

While the book presents an eclectic taste of musings and metaphors, such that many a reader might find it hard to put the book down once they start reading,

a deliberate effort is made to set the discussion in its proper socio-political and socio-economic contexts. Much of the analyses are made through the prism of the social sciences. In this book, I endeavor to stand back from my notable scholarly work of authoring for an academic and intellectual audience. What I propose to do instead is to seek dialogue with a broader section of society, ranging from the most intellectually sophisticated to the least enlightened person. Very often, as scholars, our ideas tend to be detached from the real world, particularly when we use technical language and jargon or other forms of communication that only our fellow intellectuals can understand or decipher. Take, for example, the case of a PhD economist who is in the habit of using complex mathematical formula to write or report on contemporary economic issues in the media. How useful is such writing and information to the common man on the ground that has little interest in learning about complex mathematical equations?

A notable role of public intellectualism is to stand back from the intimidating language of a technocrat so as to avoid some kind of tunnel-vision where only you, the author, and your fellow technocrats are the ones who can understand what you are talking about. And this is exactly what this book endeavors to do. People from different walks of life will find this book an easy read, whether they are travelling on a train or a long flight. The book will give them a

valuable companion. And even though some of the readers may not be in full agreement with some of the ideas that the author advances, many a readers' thoughts are likely to be provoked to some greater degree. That, really, is what matters most. Indeed, it is that stimulation of debate that lies at the centre of this book.

A public intellectual often transcends the boundaries of academic pedagogy, while avoiding the chasm that divides scientific inquiry and intellectualism from the typical practitioner role of unscientific advocacy. A public intellectual often remains focused on translating complex theoretical and conceptual ideas into easily discernible scientific and objective analyses that even wananchi (i.e. the public citizens) can understand. In doing so, the public intellectual should try to communicate and speak the language of the common man, without stifling debate or intimidating the audience with all manner of intellectual sophistry. To that end, the use of metaphors, adages, and illustrations becomes handy in breaking down certain ideas that would ordinarily be seen as too complex for the common man to understand. This book takes such an approach, breaking down complex ideas into easily discernible ideas.

This is not a book simply about Africa. Neither is it simply about America or Europe. Rather, the book is about the human condition everywhere in the world.

We live in a global vil-lage. And the author has lived, studied and worked on three different continents, namely, North America, Europe and Africa. So, every reader will be able to relate to one or more of the sayings, metaphors and musings presented in this book.

Special thanks go to all friends and col-leagues (as well as my family members, including my wife and son) who provided comments on the various sayings, musings and metaphors. Their tireless contributions helped to sharpen my views on a number of issues. Also, my thanks go out to Africa in Canada Press for the timely and efficient publication of the book. And I would be failing in my duties as the author if I did not record my indebtedness to my good brother, Dr. Munyonzwe Hamalengwa, a leading human rights advocate and an outstanding barrister in Canada, for his inspiring Foreword for the book.

The analyses, arguments, interpretations and conclusions expressed in this book are entirely those of the author. They do not represent the views of any institution, person or body to which the author is affiliated.

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METAPHORS AND MUSINGS



“The world out there is rough. But you do not have to play rough to get along. There is still strength in the meekness and gentleness of the bluebird when she sits on a branch of the tree overlooking the roughness beneath her.”



“One who receives honor and privilege at the sole discretion of the King to serve on the King’s council of elders should not think of himself too highly as an apparent heir to the throne for he was nowhere close to power before such invitation. We must not forget where we are coming from lest we be blinded by ambition.”

“He who panics loses
an opportunity to think.”



“Life is about knowing your strengths and the opportunities that they can generate for you. If you are beautiful, that strength is only valid to the extent that there is no better looking person going for what you are aiming for. If you have money, that strength is only valid to the extent that there is no richer person aiming for what you are aiming for. At the end of the day, you have to revisit your strategies constantly to overcome any looming threats from your competitors by aligning your strengths against their weaknesses so as to minimize or eliminate any threats that the competitors may present. In short, do not talk money against a person who is very loaded financially. Instead, talk about what he does not have, and you will see him panic with a troubled silence.”



“By hating someone you are not reducing them.
You are just stressing yourself.”

“Many people are unhappy not because of anything out there but because they choose to conform to what they deem to be the expectations of society. You have only one life to live. People will always talk whether you like it or not. Just live your life to the fullest and to the maximum as long as you do good. You don’t owe them anything. Let them talk, if they want, while you keep moving ahead.”



“The man who tells the most lies to the emperor is usually the closest confidant of the emperor until it’s too late.”



“Always postpone the right to make a decision when engulfed with the lump of anger in your throat for no man or woman ever made an intelligent decision with such lump lodged uncomfortably in their throat.”



“Whatever road or path you may take, you must understand one thing: Those who make a mark or leave behind an indelible trail often have a style or identity of their own. You cannot make

a mark trying to be someone else. Yes, you can learn from others, but you must create your own identity by which you will forever be known. And that's the brand that will resonate with your name for years to come.

Your work should never be mistaken for someone else's. And the voice in your work should be your own."



"If it should turn out that my faith in God has been in vain, or there is no deity, I shall, nonetheless, remain happy knowing that I lived my life by those principles which are truly humane. That I not only know and trust in God, but also have been a true witness to God's amazing power of redemption, gives me the courage and hope that my belief and trust shall not be in vain. For, even though I may seem a fool for having faith and hope in Him, I will gladly live all my days with no regrets."



"It may sound harsh, but a man who does not believe in any kind of meaningful ideology or such system of ideas is no different from a boy. A man's life must be guided by certain ideals to which he Aspires."

“Christmas Eve is a time to reflect on our faith, and not a time to indulge in all manner of premeditated or opportunistic mischievous adventure.”



“A practitioner who is devoid of or wanting in sound theory is often a major risk to everyone around him or her in the workplace. Such people tend to be insecure when they come across well-accomplished professionals.”



“There is enough love for everyone in the world. The problem is that we are just too impatient.”



“Do not think yourself more deserving of your neighbor’s wife. That is why she is his wife, and not your wife. You simply don’t deserve her.”

“If it is just love you want, even the broke guy
or blue collar worker can do.”



“A bride who comes with all sorts of problems
into a marriage is already a problem herself.
Marriage or relationships should not be used
to escape from problems.”



“Not every man who buys you lunch wants
to marry you.”



“He who seeks a marriage to run away from
loneliness risks finding more loneliness in
the marriage.”



“Those who marry should not marry
because they feel lonely and cold in the
night. Sooner or later, it will be summer and
the weather around them will be hot and

humid, leaving them with nowhere
else to run to.”



“Do not marry a name. Marry the person.
Names come and go. The person remains.”
“You must learn to create space for your own
happiness. No one will create that space for
you.”



“One who is quick at fronting the name of the
supposedly affluent political or wealthy family
into which he or she has married should be
reminded to say a little bit about his or her own
unknown family where he or she is coming from.
Every coin has two sides to it.”



“The dynamics of marriage are increasingly
changing. Young men are also asking: What will
she be bringing to the table beyond and above
what any other lady is able
to provide?”?

“Sexual harassment can include the intensity of your look at someone or at their pictures on social media.”



“The problem with being fake or pretentious in a relationship, especially where one or either party is trying so hard to impress the other, to a point of even telling lies, is that the bubble of pretense can only hold for so long before it bursts.”



“A man who devotes much of his precious time impressing his wife’s relatives or his in-laws, while neglecting his own parents or younger siblings that are not of age and are in need of help, will learn sooner or later the harshness of life. Marriage is like a seesaw. It calls for a balancing act. Even if you come from a poor family and then marry into riches, do not make a fool of yourself.”

“A man who wears trendy but tight and slim fit pants is well advised to control his immoral thoughts before his pants give him away.”



“It is not unusual for people to have opinions about each other. We all have opinions about one thing or another, or about one person or another. That’s why they are called ‘opinions’; they are not facts!”



“Do not be obsessed with comparing.
We all can’t run in the same way.
But we surely are going to get there.”



“All too often, we all start off with the very best of ideals when we are young such as the notorious romantic dreams of marrying the most handsome and most successful man, preferably one without much ‘social mileage’, one without any children yet, or one who is not or has never

“Weddings and graduation ceremonies often deprive us of objectivity. It is not only about how splendid the wedding dress looks or how fabulous the event was. Neither is it just about how colorful and flamboyant a graduation ceremony was. We often confine our excitement to the very moment in time when one is marrying or graduating, forgetting that the real test and challenge may not be at that moment. Once the bride takes off her wedding dress and becomes a wife that is when the real test and challenge begins. Forget everything about the wedding or wedding dress. Likewise, once a student graduates from university, it does not matter later whether he or she graduated with a distinction or summa cum laude. Other dynamics take over, and that is when the real test and challenge begins. Yet, we often focus on the graduation ceremony and grades, forgetting that although a lot of hard work preceded the event, more is expected of the graduate as he or she heads out to industry. That is the real test and challenge.”

“There is something about being cool that isn’t cool. When I was younger, somewhere around elementary or primary school, most of the guys that I thought were cool turned out not to be cool. And I have seen repeatedly the pattern of this coolness not being cool at the end of the day.”



“Even if the Good Lord were to grant me kindly the gift of material wealth, I pray that you do not judge me by that wealth, but by my ideas and related works, and how they both have contributed to the uplifting of others for the betterment of humanity.”



“If you must study law, I pray that you do not end up a criminal.”



“One who is content with routine must expect a routine life, and nothing exceptional.”

“The problem with the African in the diaspora is that he cannot just let go of Africa even if he holds a foreign passport in his hands. The African in the diaspora is constantly tip-toeing in the shadows of Africa to peek and see what’s going on there. He will do anything and everything just to know what’s going on there. And so, he runs to social media and the Internet just to sneak in and find out what is going on in Africa.”



“You will know a lazy employee by how excited he gets when it is a Friday or payday.”



“It is often difficult to explain to someone asking for some money when he says, ‘Can you borrow me some money?’, that you cannot BORROW him any money, but can only LOAN or LEND him the same.”

“In a democracy, people are free to make choices. But one who picks prostitutes is to be feared. He is not your friend for in the end he will want to pick you!”



“One who is in a hurry to begin dating at a young and tender age often struggles later to acknowledge some questionable characters that he or she dated before he or she found fame or attained a higher station in life.”



“There are two things that many people crave for which can help to make or break you. Forget education, at least, for now. The two things are money or marriage, or both. For some, money or marriage is the beginning of problems. For others, money or marriage marks an end to their problems. It just depends on how you approach them.”

“If I must upgrade, the upgrade must make sense. I don’t believe in upgrading for the sake of upgrading or simply because everyone else around me is upgrading. I may appear to be slow until you wake up to find me ahead.”



“In the western world, it is hard to keep up with notion of beauty. It is as if beauty is an evolving subject. Today, the focus can be on those that are slim and slender as the epitome of good looks. Tomorrow, everyone will be saluting those with an endowed posterior, with clothing companies beginning to make garments that reveal an endowed posterior supported by curvy handles. By contrast, in Africa, we have one standard that holds true for the most part.”



“It is often advisable not to admire, date or sleep with a classmate or workmate, not even as friends with benefits. Before you

know it, she may want to upgrade her social media status to ‘engaged’ or ‘married’.”



“While a bonus has to be earned by those to whom it will be given, the African concept of ‘mbasela’, that is, some extras in addition to what one has paid for, should not be confused for a bonus. *Imbasela* is never earned and it calls for no hard work. It is simply the institutionalization of opportunism by the buyer. And so, *imbasela* has no justifiable place in a modern free market economy.”

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CASE STUDIES



DEFINING THE LEGACY OF A LEADER IN THE LAW

The legacy of a truly outstanding lawyer is not so much about how many criminals or suspects one has managed to free from the wrath of the law by his or her sheer cunningness, or about how many boilerplate or template-inspired legal agreements a man or woman has drafted or negotiated in his or her lifetime.

Neither is it about any politically engineered office nor title that one holds or has held by virtue of a mere political appointment or dictate. Far from it: for every qualified lawyer can be equal to such task.

and one of them was telling the other in Ushi language:

“Yangu, aka ka tata bali ka lembelela iya ka bushi! Pantu nebo, si Mwansa wandi ta komfisywa po sino nsiku!” (English translation: “Maybe this young man is a beneficiary of African tattoos to enhance his manhood. In my case, my husband, Mr. Mwansa, hardly gets me there nowadays.”)

A Caucasian friend who had joined me to attend these African traditional proceedings could hardly hold himself. He was laughing all the way. But I reminded him that the matter at hand was very serious. Pubic hair in our African culture, I told him, does not just go missing for nothing, although a married woman need not complain under African customary law ‘Ati, bale mbomfya sana’ (i.e. ‘He uses me a lot in bed.’)! My Caucasian friend could not believe it. Intrigued by the peculiarities of African culture and traditions, he has since gone back to Africa to do more research on the same topic for a book he is writing.





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A distinguished thought leader and public intellectual, **Prof. Kenneth K. Mwenda** read law at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He has also taught

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Prof. Mwenda has had a stellar academic career as well as an outstanding professional life as a leading international development practitioner, travelling to more than thirty countries worldwide. His is a fine blend of theory and practice, with many years of international experience in both academia and international development. Prof Mwenda has maintained a parallel academic and professional life, publishing academic books and other scholarly work in top journals and law reviews as well as holding various senior academic appointments at leading universities internationally, while serving with the World Bank. A member of the editorial boards of several scholarly journals, including the *Journal of*

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With sustained thought leadership in academia, in addition to valuable experience in international development practice, Prof Mwenda is a widely recognized authority in his field of expertise as well as a highly sought-after speaker that has been interviewed and quoted by numerous print and broadcast media, including the *New York Times* (US), the *Voice of America* (VOA, US), *CCTV* (US), the *Times* (UK), the *British Broadcasting Corporation* (BBC, UK), and *Sky TV* (UK). In 2008, after a rigorous and thorough examination of Prof Mwenda's selected scholarly books and peer-refereed journal articles by a distinguished panel of top international legal scholars, Prof Mwenda was admitted by Rhodes University, a leading university in South Africa, to the rarely awarded Higher Doctorate degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD). It was the first time ever in the rich academic history of that university that such an award was being conferred in the Faculty of Law! Six years later, in 2014, after another rigorous and thorough examination of Prof Mwenda's other substantial portfolio of scholarly books and peer-refereed journal articles by a distinguished panel of eminent international scholars, Prof Mwenda was admitted by the University of Hull, a leading British university, to the rarely awarded Higher Doctorate degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (DSc(Econ)). It is

important to stress that in the entire English speaking world, Prof. Mwenda is arguably the only senior legal scholar to have earned two Higher Doctorate degrees in two different disciplines! Higher Doctorates, it should be emphasized, are never the immediate step after a PhD. Rather, they are reserved for those internationally recognized senior scholars that have made exceedingly significant contributions to a science or body of knowledge through exceptionally insightful and distinctive scholarly publications, earning them recognition as international authorities in the field of research that forms the basis of the degree.

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Robert Simeza SCZ NO. 13 OF 2010 (Appeal No. 11/2009). His other scholarly work has been seminal in some of the research work and country assessments carried out by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).

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