DOCUMENTING AND SHARING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN PRIVATE LIBRARIES IN NIGERIA: THE CASE OF SHEIKH UMAR SANDA LIBRARY

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ABSTRCT

Christened knowledge age, the world in this century is interested in harnessing and sharing indigenous knowledge in any form and from any where in the globe. Using Sheikh Umar Sanda's private library in general and his publications in particular, this paper demonstrated the rich indigenous information contents of private libraries in Nigeria. Analyzing the contents of some of his publications reveal the vast knowledge hidden in these private libraries

KEYWORDS: Private Libraries, Indigenous Knowledge, Sheikh Umar Sanda

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The last part of the 20th century has been adequately described as the Information Age; an age which saw information explosion and information revolution. In this age information was regarded as very essential raw material for economic, political, educational and social developments. In fact information was used during this period to redefine the status of both individuals and nations to such extent that the worth of individuals and nations was no more determined by their wealth but by the amount of information they can access and have at their disposal. The technological advancement witnessed during this period also made it possible for the accessing and sharing of information without any barrier

Using the technological advances of the information age, the knowledge age, which this century is christened, is creating societies in which ample opportunities exist for people and information to develop without limits and for all kinds of knowledge to be mass-produced and mass-utilized for the benefits of all

Libraries as costodium of intellectual and cultural heritages have long been recognized as the backbone of the information revolution and knowledge management. Library that once began as private collection has today expanded into so many categories, such as public, academic, special and school libraries

However, the private library still exists despite it being overshadowed by other type of libraries. The private library usually maintain by individuals reflect their personal collection, some of which was inherited, and others their personal works and interest.

In Nigeria, especially the Northern part, where as noted by Usman (2007:11) it had long history of intellectual tradition, even before the coming of the Colonials, witnessed tremendous growth in private libraries. Mohammed (1976:105) in his works on a Hausa Scholar-Trader and his library collection cited some of the oldest and largest private libraries in the then Sokoto Caliphate. He noted that these libraries contain not only rare books but highly invaluable indigenous knowledge written in Arabic and *Ajami* manuscripts

The World is today interesting in harnessing and sharing indigenous knowledge in whatever form and from anywhere in the globe. This is why in 2007 the United States Embassy in Nigeria in collaboration with Arewa House organized an International conference on preserving Nigerian scholarly and literary traditions and manuscript heritage. The conference which aimed at collating, documenting and digitalization of Arabic manuscripts from the North has indeed recognized the fact that majority of these manuscript are still in the hands of individuals, in their private collection

The private library of Sheikh Umar Sanda is no doubt one of such private libraries in Northern Nigeria that is very rich in indigenous knowledge. This paper therefore set out to discuss the contents of his library in general and some of his indigenous writings in particular. This is done a view to bringing out the intellectual contents of some of his works to demonstrate the fact that though Mal Sanda was a local indigene, his knowledge

was indeed international and very rich, and that the knowledge age stands to gain a lot if the contents of these publications are carefully harnessed and shared.

2.0 BRIEFS ON SHEIKH UMAR SAND

The late Sheikh Umar Asirurraham Idris Sanda was born in Zaria City on December, 1927 and died in June, 2004. He lived a very quite, simple and fulfilled life of academic pursuit. He was like the saying that among stones there are precious stones and among precious stones there is gold. Mal Sanda was indeed gold among precious scholars. He pursued Islamic and Western education simultaneously and diligently. Malam Sanda who was said to have very wonderful memory, exhibited unique intellectual capability right from childhood to such an extent that when he was enrolled into elementary school he spent only two years to graduate.

The real intellectual potentialities of Malam Sanda came to limelight at the famous School of Arabic Studies (SAS), Kano where he was revered by Colonial, Egyptian and Nigerian teachers. It is on record that he was the only one that ever combined and successfully passed the Higher Islam and Grade II prgrammes. The excellent results Mal Sanda got from the two certificates made him and his teachers to received special commendation from the colonial education officer

In terms of seeking for both western and Islamic knowledge, Malam Umar was never satisfied, he was always full of zeal, courage and motivation to read, learn and know wider and deeper. He once remarked that:

> *"It is within my nature deeply ingrained in my mind to know the true nature of things. I am never satisfied with shallow, narrow or half baked information. My happiest moments are those when I learn or understand new things, especially in*

the Holy Qur'an ayats (Verses) on Biology, Astrophysics and Geophysics amongst score of other disciplines referred to frequently in the Glorious Qur'an and the Holy Hadith. I become alive when I learn and more so when I am privileged to put that knowledge into practice"

In pursuit of the above, Mal Sanda became, apart from the Islamic knowledge, well versed in the Science of Distant, Science of Secrets-Cryptology, Meteorology and Geophysics, Astrology and Astronomy, Cosmology, Cosmonomics and Cosmography, and the Science of Eternality, just to mention but few.

To Mal Sanda therefore learning does not stop by the popular saying "from cradle to the grave". According to him even after death and after reckoning learning still continue, for it is on record that any drink from Al'kauthar opens a new gate of further knowledge of the Supreme, Absolute Creator

Mal Sanda's working experience started when he was a student at both Bauchi Teacher's College and SAS, kano where he was made to teach his classmates and junior classes. After graduating, Mal Sand taught at elementary and middle schools, as well as in the Kastina Teacher's College and Barewa College. He also had a stink in the public service, where he worked at the Northern Region House of Assembly. Because of his good command of both oral and written languages in Hausa, Arabic and English, he was employed and made to translate and interpret the proceedings of the House from English to Hausa and vice versa. This is evident in the Hanzard of the House.

Mal Umar Sanda also worked with the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Kaduna. He was requested to render his services after recognizing his profound knowledge in the sciences, particularly Astrology, Astronomy, Astrophysics and Geophysics. This service

was also extended to NASA in America. He died in active service to his country after each Chief of Air Staff (CAS) insisted and requested Mal Sanda not to retire during his tenure

2.1 SHEIKH UMAR SAND'S LIBRARY

The library collection of Mal Sanda started as far back as 1948 at Kano when he was studying and at the same time teaching in the School for Arabic Studies. The collection was built through purchase; at the end of every month, after receiving his salary, Mal would proceed to buy books that he was interested in. His love for books and reading arose his interest in library, which later developed when he was made teacher in-charge of the school library at Barewa College and Kastina Teacher's College

The collection grew tremendously first as a result of the fact that by nature Mal Sand hates borrowing therefore, he always preferred to buy all the books he needed and this made him to buy the books his Malams recommended to him in order to learn and those he needed to teach.

The growth of the collection became rapid when he started traveling abroad, when coming back, instead of buying clothes and other fancies, he bought books. The collection he inherited after the death of his father, who was also a notable scholar added to the size of the library

The total collection of Mal Sanda's library at the time of his death was 13,860 housed in seven rooms in his compound. The collection was made up of books, reference materials, serial, manuscripts, audio-visual and his writings. The collection cut across many subject disciplines such as Islam, Medicine, Astrology, Astronomy, Astronautics, Astronomics, Tautology, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Angelology, Nethergraphy, etc

3.0 INDIGENOUS CONTENTS OF SHEIKH UMAR SAND'S LIBRARY

Indigenous knowledge (IK), which is interchangeably used with such terms as Traditional knowledge (TK) or Local knowledge (LK) generally refer to the matured long-standing tradition and practices of certain regional, indigenous, or local communities. It encompasses the wisdom, knowledge, and teachings of these communities; it can also reflect a community's interests. Such knowledge typically distinguishes one community from another. For some communities, indigenous knowledge takes on a personal and spiritual meaning

Although critics of traditional knowledge argued that indigenous knowledge is not recognized as "knowledge" because it includes beliefs, values and practices, which is often embedded in a cosmology, Okere and Nwocha (2003) argue that it is holistic because it encompasses all forms of knowledge – technologies, know-how skills, practices and beliefs – that enable the community to achieve stable livelihoods in their environment. It should not be forgotten that western knowledge which also started as indigenous knowledge has gone through many traumatic episodes over the past five centuries to separate secular knowledge from spiritual knowledge. It was this knowledge that was marketed to the world as the heritage of mankind and as noted by Okere (2003) heritage of mankind or not, it is the fruit of their own indigenous tradition of knowledge

In the African setting indigenous knowledge has been orally passed for generations from person to person in form of stories, legends, folklore, rituals, songs and laws. Other forms of indigenous knowledge are often expressed through different means

There are three distinct categories of information resources in Mal Sanda's library that can be regarded as indigenous content. These are:

(a) The text, manuscripts and other documents he inherited form his father. As a renown scholar and Qadi (Judge), Mal Sanda's collected large volume of books and manuscripts including copies of judgments passed by him and other judges

(b) The books and other information resources Mal Sanda's acquired during his life time, most of which are now rare. The copies of the proceedings of the Northern Nigeria House of Assembly of which Mal Sanda helped to translate, and some government publications

(c) Mal Sanda's public lectures and publications. Although, the public lectures and publications were mainly Islamic in nature, other aspects of knowledge such as medicine and health care, Astrology, Geophysics, etc were equally covered.

Under the above category, Mal Sanda authored no less than 300 articles mainly supposed by the Nigerian Air Force. The most interesting about these articles is the in-depth, logical and scientific explanations offered by Mal Sanda. Indeed going through these articles it will be appreciated when he said he wasn't ever satisfied with shallow knowledge.

FEMALE CIRCUMCISION- An African Indigenous Practice

One of the earliest works of Mal Sanda discussed the issue of female circumcision, which is regarded as an African culture and highly condemn and discourage by the West. Mal Sanda argued scientifically that Clitoridotomy (female circumcision) and ***not*** Clitoridectomy is very important and beneficial to women. While Clitoridectomy is disgraceful and harmful to women generally whose health condition

does not warrant it. He further expounded that Clitoridotomy is the most invaluable cosmetics for women affair- i.e. female hygiene, sanitation and state of health and wealth, and is part and parcel of personal and environmental hygiene, which makes women (who require it) more womanly, happier, healthier – physically, psychically, martially economically, intellectually and spiritually It rejuvenates older middle-aged ladies who have not had it earlier. It keeps their minds and their thinking clear and their religious devotions properly and attentively performed. It prolongs their youthful outlook and keeps off the odorous stemma, which may be repulsive or even offensive to their husbands. It is extremely honouring and very useful to husband, wife, the family and the nation in general. It is a very important phenomenon affecting the welfare of the whole humanity. It is also vital in criminology, gynecology and marriage guidance counseling. He revealed that many marriages have hit the rocks simply due to the fact this apparently "small" but powerful factor in women is ignored and therefore called on parents, guardians, marriage guidance counselors and criminologists to please take note.

He concluded by drawing attention to the fact that Clitoridotomy should always be performed by an expert lady surgeon and that only half of the protruding factor-the hood – should be excised. It should never be cut off from the base, making it a clitoridectomy. He emphasized that the excision of either the labia minora or the labia majora to dampen the coital urge in girls or women like its being practiced in some parts of Nigeria, East/Central Africa and some parts of Asia is condemnable. He finally urged that we please do away with the ballyhoo empty bombast and great deceitful talks and frequent writings – both national and international – against female circumcision.

LIFE AFTER DEATH- A Knowledge Denied by the Western

Life after death is almost taken as a supersiticeous and African or primitive belief. Therefore western knowledge denied it and the fact that creatures would be reconstituted after their death. Mal Sanda debunked this notion when he was asked by students of science to explain how possible that even though cremated (burnt to ashes), digested and assimilated, or decomposed and used up by plants after death, yet human being and indeed other creation will definitely be reconstructed and brought back to life for the final Divine Judgment and consectary reward: honour or penalty?

Employing science to answer this question Mal Sanda noted that first; we have to remember that every matter, organic or inorganic, is basically radioactive. Of course in some special matter – like radium and thorium, the radioactivity is very active, whereas in others, like carbon, hydrogen, nitrogent, oxygen and iron, it is very, very weak and could only be detected by a very delicate radioscope or a Geiger counter. Indeed it is an established fact that all the many hundreds of elements, (out of which less than six scores have as yet been physically or chemically discovered) are radioelements. That is they all emit radiations of varying nature – frequencies, wavelengths, valencies and effects. In short every matter or object emits radiations characteristics of its distinctive nature by which it is perceived (Photoelectrically/televistically) and by which it is distinguished from any other object.

He noted that the radiolysis, the radiosynthesis and the simultaneous raising up of every **dead** person – whether cremated, decomposed, digested or mummified – all the same and of course, very simple affair for the omniscient, omnipotent Divine technology.

On the Day of Judgement, the whole entity of this tiny, though marvelous globe of ours and all its contents, shall be turned into atomic and sub-atomic particles, and everything – in it and above it – up to the magnetopause (al'Sama'u Zthatir'raj'I) – will be in a state of intense radioactivity.

Every biocrystal of a dead 'person' becomes a microgenerator, which generates and transmits its own, negative electrobiomagnetic radiation of particular frequency and particular wavelength – characteristic of, and dependant on, the intellectual, distinctive, **personal nature** of the positive spirit of the individual being. It is interesting to recall here that no two brains, hence no two persons, are identical in all their biological set-up, every brain is unique. The science of finger-prints (dactyloscopy) is a good pointer to this. You see, we are not mass-produced like coins and other mass-produced materials, machines or engines. Every individual is unique.

Now on being released from the Barzakh (Universal Horn-reception hall for all the sprits of dead beings), each individual spirit (which is also intensely biomagnetic and whose minimum speed is more than seventy – thousand times greater than the speed of ordinary physical light or radiowaves) generates and emits its own, **positive,** rays and **attracts all,** but **only its own,** scattered, biomagnetic physiocrystals which, under the mysterious agency of certain agents – such as the hystogenic, the aenophotoxydrocarbonitrogamic rays, etc, are immediately transformed into biomagnetic genes, metaplams, chromatophores, protoplasm – thence into all the bodily cells, orgnans and limbs – all of them perfectly reassembled and synthesized – absolutely identical and characteristic of the original nature (personality, temperament,

physique, etc) of **the reconstructed** and **revitalized** individual being and the revivification (al'hashru) is instantaneously and definitely perfected.

Mal Sanda was also requested to describe the size and shape of the GROUND On *which* the Universal-Congregation and the inevitable FINAL judgment shall take place. He answered by calculating the **Length** of the Day of Judgment which he said is equivalent to 50,000 terrestrial years. This is = 25, 000 miles (rotationally) in one day. Therefore in **365 ½ days** it would cover: 25,000 x 365½ miles = **456,562,500.000** (Four Hundred and fifty-six thousand, five hundred and sixty-two thousand million and five hundred miles) – at a stretch. And the area of JUDGEMENT GROUND, therefore:- 456,562,500.000 x 456,562,500,000 sq. miles. This will be well over: 200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 sq. miles (two hundred thousand trillion square miles). This is well over **four thousand billion** times greater than the area of the **Land surface** of this EARTH, which is about 50 million square miles.

(ii) This length of the Judgment Ground, i.e. 456,562 miles is covered by ordinary Angels in less than 1/100,000th of a second (one millimicro second). While the speed of a **Seraph,** such as **Gabrael,** is six hundred times that. And the speed of Israaphael is much greater than that. He travels at six thousand times faster than Gabrael – alaihimas Salaat was – Salaam.

It is interesting to note that in physics the highest speed so far recorded of a "non-living" object is **186,284 miles per second**, which is the speed of electricity, radio, visible rays of the spectrum (ordinary light) and the other electromagnetic waves. And so state above, the speed of Israphael (Saahibil Soori) is six thousand times greater than that

of Gabrael. This would be about 1,800,000 light years **per second;** He went further to note that

(a) We are of the believe that the speed of "pure" light is immeasurable. Only those rays between Angstrom Units 3,888 and 6,500 can be measured. I believe that **pure light** pervades the entire Universe instantaneously. It can't be measured. It is imponderable. Only the physical part of it can be measured.

(b) An Angstrom Unit equals one-ten-millionth of a millimeter. It is one-tenth of a millimicron. The Micron is another unit for measuring wave-lengths and is 1/100 of a millimeter' the final judgement shall take place at the JUDGEMENT GROUND (Arlul Mahshari) just over ninety-three Million (93,000,499) miles from the Earth. The SUN shall then be only one or two mile from our heads.

(c) The Judgment Ground is circular and level. It shall be kept in its position by a cosmic force similar to though higher than our Earthly E.S.G. (Electrically Suspended Gyro).

(d) First, the photosphere shall be repressed, condensed and its light rays withdrawn. The gamma rays (i.e. the lethal, destructive radiation from the protons of the solar plasma) and those rays of the sun which are perceived as **Light,** shall be controlled and kept within the bounds of the photosphere by a powerful Angelo-Magnetic force – just in the same way, though to a lesser degree, as Nuclear Physicists control the powerful deuterium fusion radiation (which may be up to 20,000,000 Centigrade and keep it in the centre of a nuclear reactor by means of very powerful magnetic forces and mirrors.

CHEWING STICK AS AFRICAN TOOTH-BRUSH AND MOUTH-CLEANING

Another important discus of Mal. Sanda bordered around health care and environmental sanitation. For instance, Mal Sanda highlighted the use of chewing stick for tooth brushing and mouth cleaning. Apart from the fact that the sticks use for this purpose are from natural plants, which in most cases are medicinal, he listed about forty-one (41) derivable benefits of using chewing stick for tooth brushing, among which are:

It sharpens the Intelligence Centre in your Central Nervous System, It increases the eloquence of the Intelligent Spirit in the Boca's (Speech) Centre, It makes one's speech sweet and beautiful, It strengthens the gum and makes it firm, It helps in primary digestion of our foods and drinks, It retards the whitening of the hairs due to old age, It keeps the body firm from weakening due to old age, It fortifies and invigorates the INTELLECT and REASON, It makes the body strong and enables it fight pathogenic microbes, It dispels fatigue and laziness and lassitude, It is a very good anti-migraine, It dispels and relieves a lot of the causes of circulatory and various headache, In pediatrics it speeds up the growth of the child.

BLESSED CYCLE OF THE CREA TION OF MANKIND

Mal Sanda also discussed extensively on creation, especially that of man, disputing and calling for the disbelief of Darwin theory of evolution. Though he seemed to share the Big Bang theory, he however emphasized that the big bang was purposive.

Answering question on the Birth of Prophet Isa -Jesus Christ (AS), which he called miraculous, **immaculate, one hour conception and birth** of our Master, Isa (Jesus Christ), the holy son of Maryam-Mary, may Allah Ta'ala glorify them both. He noted that we must first appreciate that there are many kinds of reproductions in nature and went ahead to list and explain about 20 different ways of creation being brought into existence through the following Divine, high technologies:-

1. **Ordinary,** sexual (gametogenetic) **reproduction,** which is well known.

2. Autogamous or **and rogynous reproduction –** e.g that of earth worms. Leeches, oysters, snails and other hermaphrodites; (Homogamy)

3. Reproduction by Fission, i.e Mitosis, e.g that of cells like protococci, meninggococci, staphylococci, diplococci, streptococci; metozoa, rpotozoa, radiolarians, bacilli, vibrones, spirochaeta and other microscopic organisms-micrococci and microzoa.

4. *Intra-metozoan Reproduction'* neural and haemoglobal reproduction, e.g. the creation of red blood cells (haemoglobins), neurons and ploymorphonuclear phagocytes, lymphocytes, leucocytes, etc, from the food-particules inside our chemurgical bonemarrow, spleen and liver, the wonders of whose activities dwarf any technological and chemical laboratories man has ever created.

4a. Reproduction by **grafting** (in plants) and by **cloning** (in animals and plants).

5. *Phyto-hydrozoan Reproduction, e.g* that of the zoophytes; parameacium, vorrtecella, coral, sponge, hydra, octopodes, starfish, pentapodes, etc. (Zoophytology).

6. ***Biological, Geerminal Reproduction, e.g*** the creation of the metaplasms (bioplams and protoplasms) from the inanimate atoms and molecules in our bodies or elsewhere under the agency of the mysterious rays of the photonitrocarboxhydrogamic radiation: (**Archebiosis and Anmabiosis).**

7. Biochemical, Crystalline Reproduction, e.g the creation of enzymes, para-enzymes, viruses, protoviruses, bacteriophage, choleraphage, etc. in the wonderful system of our alimentary canal.

8. ***Radio-nuclear Reproduction, e.g*** the creation of protons, electrons, mesons and atoms from radioplams and photoplasms (Radioplasmology) deep inside nuclear reactors, or more exactly and abundantly in the more than **25,000,000' Chor Solar core** and in other stars and super-dense stars like Neutron Stars, Quasars, Pulsars, etc.

9. *Agynous Reproduction: e.g the Divine, direct creation of* our primogenous Mother Eve (Nana Hawwa'u) – alaihas-Salaam, from the lowermost, **floating left rib** of our Primeval Father, Adam, Sallallahu alaihima, wa sallama.

10. *The direct, Divine, geonomic and geotectonic creation of the nonevoluntionary* **Human body** of our primoridial FATHER, ADAM, alaihis salam – thermoaerohydrogeochemically.

11. *Archebiotical Reproduction/*Rasdiobiological or Organic Reproduction, e.g. the creation of organic substances from inorganic atoms and molecules through the agency of solar and cosmic radiations – ***Archebiosis.***

12. Anandrous, agametogeneetic (parthenogenetic) Reproduction e.g that of the Angelandric Christ Jesus by our consecrated, Most Reverend Mother, Mary, the Madonna, alaihimas-Salaam.

13. *The Spiritual, Intellectual and Metaphysical Reproduction. NOTE:* It is relevant to recall here that it is this kind of birth which is referred to by Christ and by many of our Moslem saints in the Phrase: ***He will not enter the kingdom of Heaven he who is not born twice". Arabic: "Lan yalijal malakoota man lam yoolad marrataini". This is common to all Theistic Religions.***

14. Creation *Ex-nihilio,* like the creation of the **physical Universe,** that is the creation of the primary **tricentahendecahedral *crystal,*** the surface area of which is calculated at **3,520,126,440,000,000**(three thousand, five hundred and twenty billion, one hundred and twenty six thousand four hundred and forty million) **square miles.** Ref Tafseeru khazin or Saheehul Bukhari, ***Chapter on Cosmogony (Bad'ul Khalqi).***

15. ***Autogamous Reproduction:*** That is self-pollinating: The way in which the Lucifer (Azaazael) reproduces his offsprings – Shayaateenil-Jinne. A'uuzthu Billaahi minas-maitaanirraheem – billion times. And much more so.

16. ***Gabrael-hydroangelic creation; e.g*** The instantaneous creation of 70,000 (seventy thousand) special Angels of Devotion **constantly,** everyday – by Allah, the Supreme Creator at athe famous ***Nahrul Hayaat*** (the River of Life), which is situated very far, far up there near the ***baitul Ma'amuury***

17. The immediate **hydoangelic creation of a special class of Angels** from the pure water of our religious baths and ablutions in which **the specific niyyah** is observed. Such Angels have a solacious effect to us here on Earth, in the grave (Barzakh) and a great blessing and additional glory on the Day of judgement and beyond.

18. **The direct and immediate creation** of special Angels **from our Zthikr,** the energy **from our Prayers (Swaat), Supplications and other religious activities –** in accordance with each devotee's intentions; "***Inama al'amaalu bin-niyyaati".*** This is a most wonderful aspect of Divine super high technology. ***Creation is going on continuously*** on this Earth, in the observable Universe, in the Barzakh and in Paradise. New discoveries in every branch of science are being made every day, every year inevitable.

19. ***The creation of grains, tubers, fruits, berries, etc.*** from the solar energy, ***through photosynthesis,*** via the angency of A.T.P. (adinosine triphosphate0, under the candid hands of a special group of Angel Engineers: ***Al'Maudabbiraati amran.***

*20. **The Direct Creation** of the mystagogical, primeval and **Theandric Spirit** of Sayyidina MUHAMMAD, the Universal Apostle-Prophet, Sallallahu alaihi wa sallama –

by whom the Holy Spirits of all *the other 123,999* Prophets and Apostles, as well as that of ***the Super-Angels;*** Al'Arwah al'Muhayyamah and other alas-Sayyidi, Al'Fatihi, al'Khatimi, wa ala Aalihe, was Sahbihee wa Ahli Baytihi. Wal'Hamdu Lillahi Rabbil aalameen – hamdan katheeran, tayyiban, musbaarakan.

He concluded by observing that it is interesting to note that the creation of Jesus Christ **directly from mary, alaihas-Salaam, was** *the exact opposite of* that of our Primeval Mother, Hawwa'u, alaihas-sallam, who had earlier been crated **directly** from the lower; bent and **floating left rib-bone** of Sayyidina Adam – our *non* – evolutionary, Primordial Ancestor (**Abul-Bashari),** Sallallahu alaihi wa sallama. Thus; Sayyiduna Adam was created – thermaerohydrogeo-chemically – ***with neither a father nor mother,*** followed by his devoted Wife, ***who had only a "Father" but no mother*** and, finally, Jesus (Isa bn Maryam) ***having only mother but no father.*** Thus the BLESSED CYCLE OF THE CREA TION OF MANKIND ***was perfected*** by the simple, Divine super high technology.

WHERE ARE THE HEAVENS ONE TO SEVEN

Mal Sanda wondered that many people ask: "**where are the Heavens One to Seven (Sama Bakwai Da Kasa Bakwai)?"** he said they have been asking this question since October, 1957 when the Russian Sputnik (Traveling Companion) went up orbiting in space around our Earth, and more intensified when the Americans landed on the Moon in July, 1969. The answer is simple according to him. To answer this he explained in detail what he called Universe "A" & "B", which he regarded as the vast expanse of cosmic space known to the astronomers as **the physically Observable** Universe. This physically Observable is what is contained in:

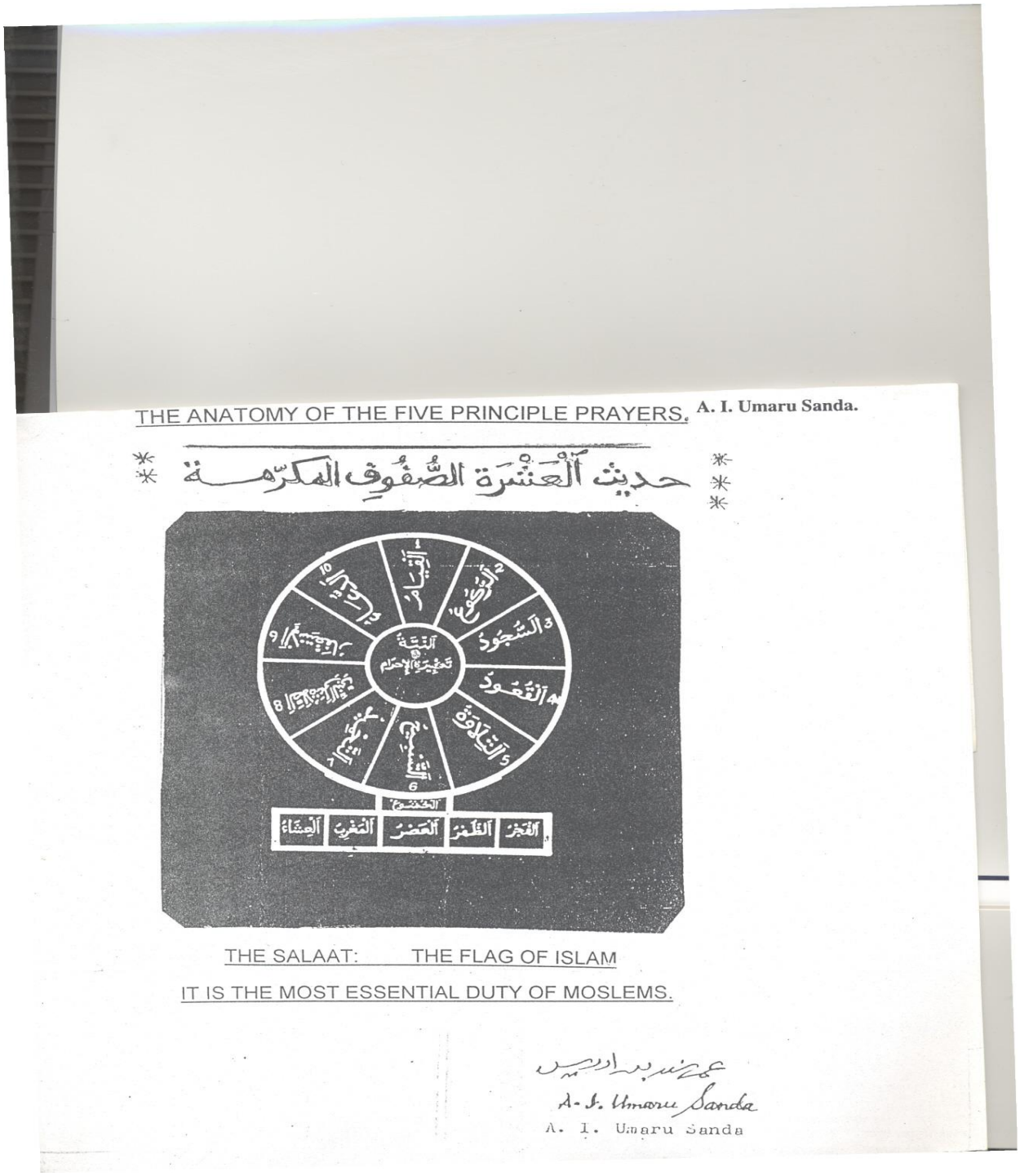
(a) Our Solar System;
(b) The Milky Way Galaxy;
(c) The Cluster of Galaxies;
(d) The Super Cluster of Galaxies;

(e) The Pulsars, Quasars, Radio Galaxies, Neutron Stars, Black Holes, e.t.c.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSS

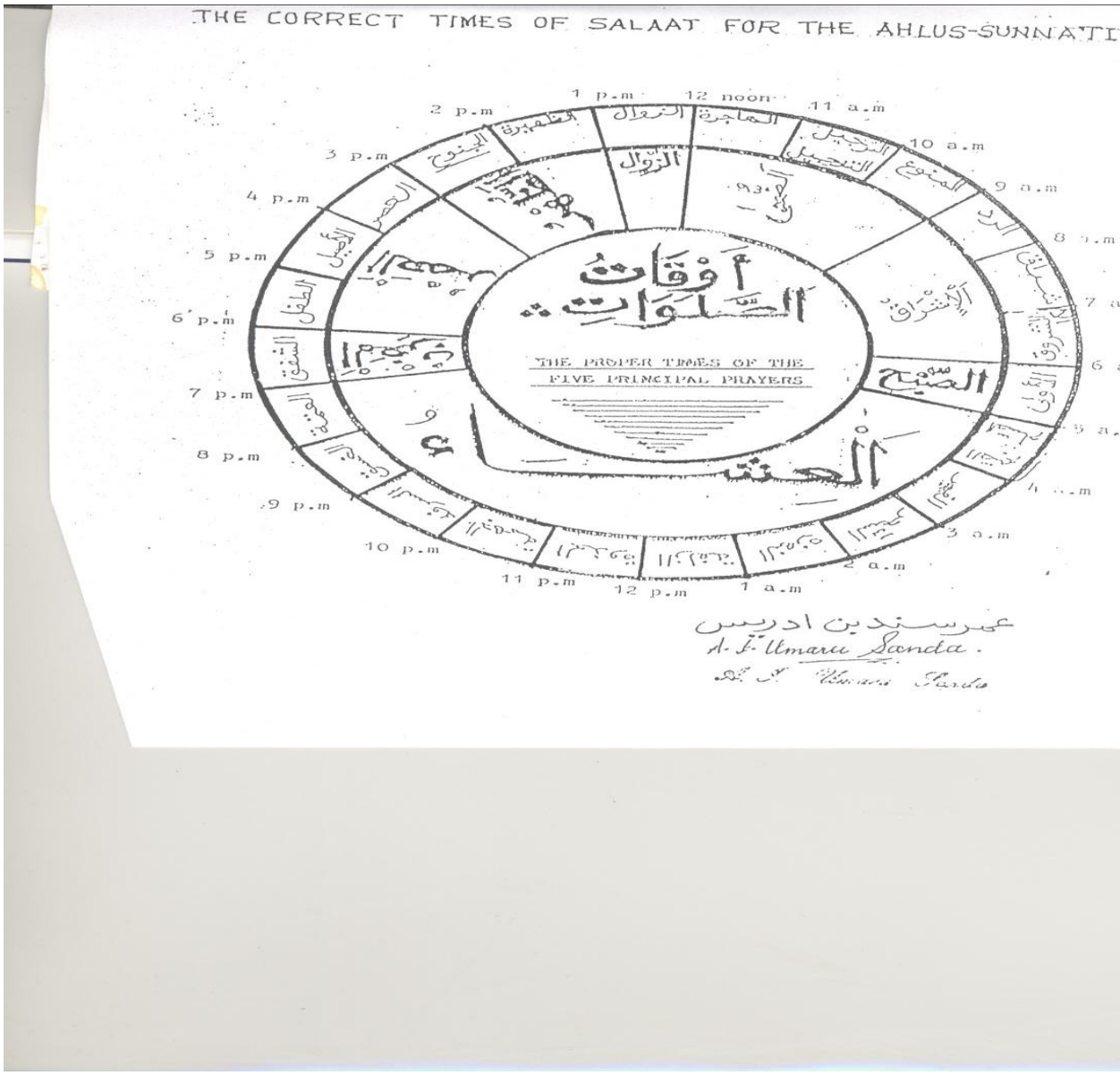
It is evident from the various Islamic religious topic discussed by Mal Sanda that he did not only used scientific terminologies to explain these topics but also employed the use of diagrammes and illustrations. For instance Fig. 1 below was drawn by him and titled the Anatomy of Salat (Prayer), which explains the five principal daily prayers and the 12 principal parts of every prayer

FIGURE 1

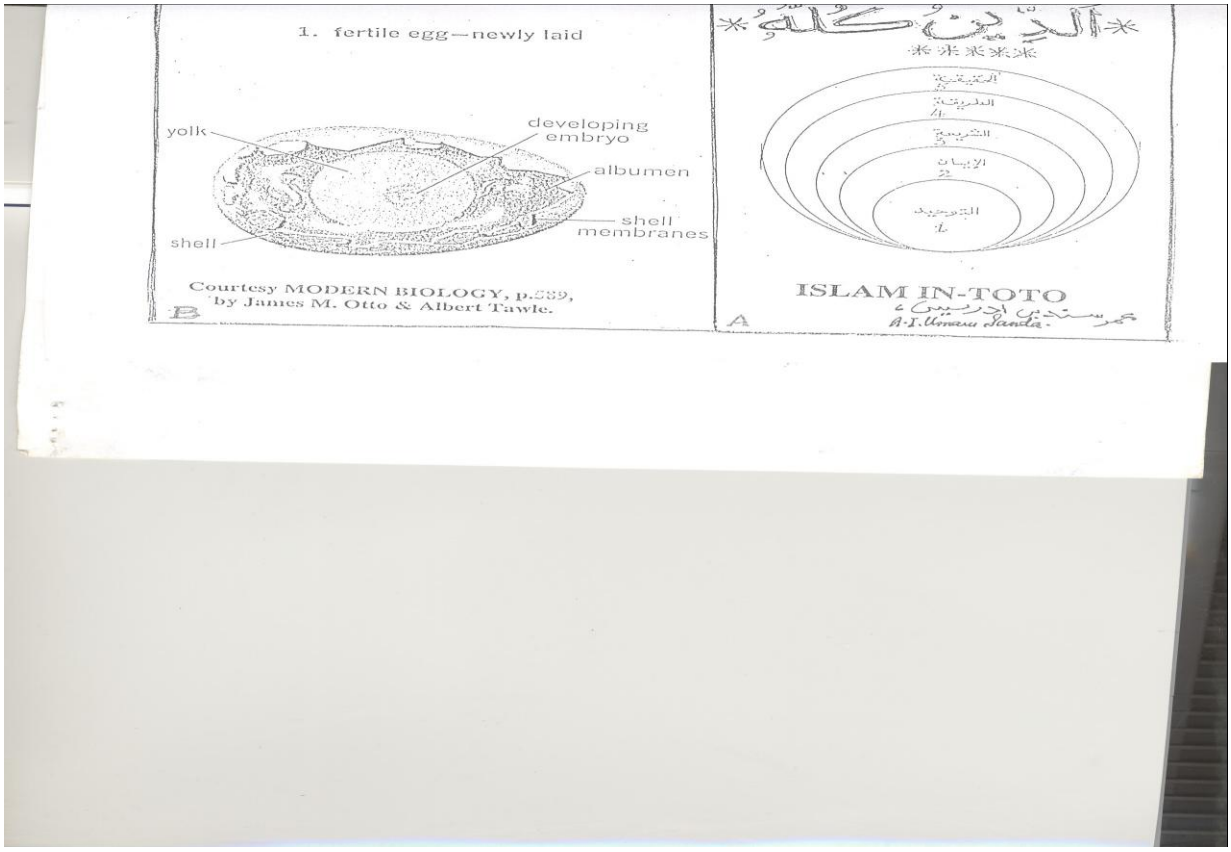


Furthermore, Mal Sanda designed Fig. 2 below to show the five principal daily prayers and other superigotory prayers and the proper times of observing them. Here Mal. Sanda used his knowledge of astrology and astronomy for the discus

FIGURE 2



In a related development Mal Sanda drew Fig. 3 below and made a comparison with Islamic tenets and an embryonic egg



4.0 DOCUMENTATION AND SHARING OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

From the above foregoing, it is evidently clear that our private libraries are very rich in indigenous knowledge. It is therefore very important and necessary to embark on documenting, translating and digitization so that this knowledge can be shared with the rest of the world. To this effect, the National Library of Nigeria in conjunction with the states public libraries should first and foremost identify private libraries in their respective states. The private libraries should be assisted to document and organize their collection. And efforts should be made to identify, document and digitalize those collection that have indigenous contents.

The National Library of Nigeria and states public libraries could seek for fund to carry out the above from the Federal Government and donor agencies through well detail

proposal. There are many donor agencies that are ready to fund this type of research because of their interest in knowledge management.

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