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Abstract
Time after time people of different ethnic extractions in Nigeria have expressed sentiment on deep-rooted grievances exemplified in the abandon property saga, the June 12 annulment, inequitable derivative formula, electoral fraud, poor funding of research institutions, unjust retrenchments, corruption, unlawful retirement from Nigeria Armed Forces and ethnic conflicts. They have displayed the need to either change or improve their societal conditions which may be in form of economic crises, socio-political chaos and upheaval for the better. Their reactions might come in different ways such as mute indifference, silent resignation, vocal utterances and dauntless violence against groups and the leadership. Most of these reactions do not seem productive for a number of reasons: we seem to take the hood for the monk. This explains that we have not tackled the real problem of our society, because we do not seem to labor enough and conscientiously too to discover the roots of people and reconciliation as hallmarks for social justice in Nigeria. The search for the diagnosis and prognosis of the ailment is what I have set out to do in this work through primary and secondary sources of data. The paper identifies the worth and pride of peace and reconciliation play as panacea for cultured people committed to peaceful co-existence, social justice and sustainable Nigerian development.