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Abstract: Achieving development at the personal or national level is an innate quest which is a result of the dynamic evolutionary process in society. However, personal and national development in Nigeria has remained a mirage because of the internal contradictions which paralyze the efforts of individuals and the programs of government to have any meaningful impact on the people and the growth of the polity. Hence, frequent policy changes, policy somersaults and back-flips are usually experienced as each government that comes into power cancels the existing policies of the previous government and replaces them with fresh programs. This has combined with other factors to frustrate genuine efforts made towards development ad infinitum. This paper has considered related sociological paradigms to explain the Nigerian situation and has made recommendations that can enable Nigeria experience development at the personal and national levels, which can lead to the fulfillment of the dreams and aspirations of its peoples.