

## **SHOULD HUMANITY AVENGE DIVINITY DISCUSS USING REUBEN ONUSIHI'S *CLASH OF DIVINITY* AND ACHEBE'S *DEAD MEN'S PATH***

Before I write anything in this essay, I would like to address the focal point which is “humanity” and ‘divinity’ According to the Oxford advance learners dictionary, divinity is seen as the property of divine or of being like a God or god. It also views it synonymously as a deity. On the other hand humanity is simply regarded as mankind by the same version of dictionary.

On this note, it is very clear that there is a stream of relationship between humanity and divinity and that is the superiority of divinity over humanity. This effect I am strongly of the opinion that humanity should not avenge divinity this is because looking at it with a lenses of logistics one will understand that mankind should not fight for an entity which have supremacy and ultimate power to even make and mare him, but instead it should be the other way round.

Looking at the action at the Assemblies Divine Church under the auspices of Rev Dinma in Reuben Onyinshi's *Clash of Divinity* and the worshipers of the Omaba deity one will understand that the actions of the two parties is purly characterized by negative sentiments and overzealousness. This aspect of Religious clash was what pastor Udo handled with utmost carefulness and wisdom before his suspension. For Rev Dinma to fix a church service on the day that Omaba Amugu was out and the women to deliberately pass through the village arena were they beating drums for the spirit and also they women were accompanied by fifty men from Assemblies Divine wielding matches and clubs was all unguided zeal.

This is because, if the youth of Imobi clan decides to enter their church and also desecrate their sanctuary by probably taking their vessels of Holy communion for drinking palm wine.

They will also regard such action as sacrilege.

On the other hand after the desecration of the Omaiba Amuja deity by the women of the Assemblies Divine church Ozo Elihe Egeja who was there while it happened restrained them by saying” these women have seen what they should not have seen, it is not our duty to avenge the spirit of Omaba, the spirit should avenge itself”. But the youth, of Imobi clam would not hear of it, subsequently, they mobilized themselves and attacked the church during service and beat Rev Dinma leaving half dead, set the church ablaze rapped his wife and beat up the youth of the church.

This action is really questionable even though it was borne out of anger but if they had abided by the wisdom of Ozo Elihe Ezeja who believes that the Omaba deity has what it takes to avenge itself since the deity would not like to be put to share.

Concurrently in Achebe’s *Dead men’s paint* the same scenario was created where the young headmaster who is fascinated by modern lifestyle and believes system closes down a significant and an extent footpath that passes through Ndume primary school. Even after the warning of the priest of Ani Shrine tells him that they would have nothing to quarrel about if he should open the road. Obi the headmaster tells him that paint of his mission in nodume is to eradicate such fetish and achieve believe. Two things are very significant in this story that the footpath in question is not often used since it links the shrine to the deity of Ani and a place for burial. If not for the overzealous nature of Obi he should know that the road in question would not be very distracting to school activities secondly the woman who died during childbirth after consulting the deity which confirmed that it is as a result of the close dead men’s path.

Finally, on reading this story one discovers that it was a fight of divinity even though there was no clear record of the personnel that championed this fight but that the whole idea was coming from the deity. Unfortunately this event confided with the supervisor visit on inspection and the report he wrote about Mr. Obi is that it was a sheer unguided zeal for him to carry out his acts. This whole catastrophe that befalls the school could have been simply averted if he had followed the simple sense of live and let's live.

On the whole humanity has no part of play in the clash of Divinity because God aid gods have their way of avenging any misconduct against them. Besides these two religious can exist without problem it divinity should fight for itself, there is a popular saying which says let the kite perch and let the eagle perch anyone that says the other should no perch let the whirlwind below it up.