

SHOULD HUMANITY AVENGE DIVINITY? DISCUSS USING CHINUA ACHEBE'S DEAD MEN'S PATH AND RUBEN ONYISHI'S CLASH OF DIVINITY

Humanity is defined as the human condition to nature. Divinity is seen as the property of being divine or being like a god or God. Or can simply be defined as a deity. Avenge simple means taking vengeance or taking revenge. Should Humanity avenge Divinity? Therefore, this simply means that be it human being or their nature they can take vengeance on a Divinity that is seen as a Deity.

Taking Chinua Achebe's 'dead men's path; from the word of the priest of Ani telling the enthusiastic village headmaster 'let the hawk perch and let the eagle perch' in the society we live in, we experience matters of divinity on things that are happening now, things that have happened before and things that would continue to happen in the future. This shows supernatural powers which are beyond human understanding. So trying to intervene on matters of divinity has a spiritual repercussion and based on the customs of the immediate environment which such thing occurs, anyone trying to go against such will dance to the tones of the village custodian, just as what happened to Obi the village headmaster. Despite wanting good for the village school by imposing his own ideology, trying to change the mind-set of the villagers from their primitive and ancestral way of doing things had to face and undesirable punishment for his actions.

In life, we apply principles of trading with caution or if I might say, let the sleeping dog lie in some situation. Obi was negligent of the power he was fighting. He was fighting a higher power at hand. He was does basically and ordinary being, fighting a higher power at hand. He was fighting a battle he was damned to loss. In this book, we now see Obi as the Humanity trying to fight the Deity, thereby embarking in an empty and vain war which will definitely and he finally loosed the war.

Also taking Ruben's clash of Divinity as a Case study, we also see human, trying to fight divinity. An impossible mission per say, for instance, when the people of Amuzu village was trying to fight against the people that bring religion to their community, thereby making the villagers to turn away from their true worship to go serve and worship the God of "ndi assemblies". The villagers especially the elders and the worshippers of the god, tried so hard to make sure they stop those church house people from letting their believe look so childish and also revealing to the women what they ought not to know. They took all possible way to fight against the God of "ndi assemblies". They were told not to fight for their gods, indicating that their gods can fight for

themselves. People like seventeen, Nwalugwu, ogbuagidi, paid deaf ear to allow the gods fight for themselves; rather they persisted to fight it with their human power. Because it seems that their gods was just silent at that time, so they decided to hold the bull by the horn. After taking pastor Dinma and his wife have been taken to the gods, many places, they finally brought him back to his church building and burn them down with the building. Not knowing that Humanity cannot fight Divinity. That someone had gone at the back of the church to rescue pastor Dinma and the wife. Those people that attacked pastor Dinma and the wife do not go scot free either, they face the dance. They were arrested, Jailed, even when they were released, they still face another persecution which leads to the death of most of them. For instance, Nwalugwu paulinus one of the rapist, was attacked by robbers, they rape his wife and use machete one him. Ogbuagidi one of the people that beat the pastor, raped his wife and set the church ablaze was killed when he wanted to fight for his gravel. Seventeen was killed by people when he used his charm to take someone's breast in the bus, though he denied at first, but people later found out he was the one, they brought him out and killed him with fire.

People like Nweze Agaba the father to Zues Nweze. Ozo Onyishi Elihe, he is the wealthy man in Amuzu village, he allowed his wife and children to join "ndi assemblies.

All these that happen show that humanity simply cannot avenge divinity but deities can struggle within them but no human going to fight a deity or a supernatural being. That was why the elders warn those who went to fight the God of 'ndi assemblies' to allow their gods fight themselves. But their disobedient lead to the various disastrous end. Therefore these two books are able to make us understand clearly that Humanity should not by any means try to Avenge Divinity no matter whatever harm you think. Humanity is reconciled to Divinity.