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

Humanity is the state of being a person rather than a god, an animal or a machine. While Divinity is the quality of being like a god or God.

Humanity should not avenge divinity because human beings does not have the quality or the power to be a god or like God. The case of men or humanity avenging divinity can be seen as an act of ignorance or under spiritual control. This is seen on the way the people of Imobi people reacted towards the people of Assemblies Divine, when Pastor Dinma fixed a programme on the same day that the villagers were to escort their Omaba masquerade spirit back to the spirit world, and the women danced, sang and passed through the village square where they saw the nakedness of the spirit and the ritual performance.

Asogwa Oyiugwu alias seventeen-seventeen, who was fanatical in his reverence of the Omaba tradition forms an angry mob, who want to revenge for their Omaba spirit against the advice of Ozo Elihe, who tells them that Omaba should fight his own battle. The mob led by seventeen-seventeen, made their way to Assemblies Divine church, took the Pastor and his wife, and beats them mercilessly. They even went as far as raping his wife, and then locked them inside the church. They set the church ablaze hoping the pastor and his wife will die inside but they were rescued by one of the mobs. Ozo Elihe who cautioned them that the war they are embarking on is not theirs but that of Omaba who is not a spirit to be trifled with, a vindictive spirit who kills at the sweetest of life, should not be fought for by humans.

The youths who took part in the beating of the pastor and his wife were called several years later to attend an atonement service, where they will be prayed for and forgiven. Only few attended, but the likes of seventeen-seventeen did not, which they later met their doom. Mysterious death visited them. Asogwa Oyiugwu was killed by an angry mob at the market

square, because he stole a woman's breast. Ogbuagidi Alphonsus was also among the youths, he died and his decomposing body was found in a shallow opening, where vultures had begun to gnaw at his entrails, and others who didn't attend the atonement service died in one mysterious way or the other.

Ozo Elihe in the meeting of Oha Imobi, traces the results of the clash of divinity, advised the people to fear the God of the people of Assemblies Divine.

However, Zeus faces deeper trials and temptation as he works as the minister in the house of the Lord, he works as a junior pastor, when he was appointed as the district superintendent, but due to envy and jealousy from co-pastors who desperately aspire to be in his position. Here also, we see divinity fighting on the behalf of Zeus, when he was vindicated at the later end with the death of all the pastors that conspired against him.

Also, in Chinua Achebe's "Dead men's path", the clash between Michael Obi, the new headmaster of Ndume Central School and the villagers. Mr Obi on his quest on giving the school compound a nice shape, ends up in closing the foot path that connects the village shrine with their place of burial. Despite all the warnings he received from a colleague and the chief priest of Ani. The priest explained to him the significance of the path, and how the whole life and their existence depends on that path, but Mr Michael remain recalcitrant towards the matter claiming that dead men don't have path. With his western ways, to him they are dead. Two days later, a woman died while giving birth, which has never happened before in the village. This was a sign that the gods were not happy with this new development.

Mr Michael, the school headmaster lost all even the building he met on his arrival because was trying to apply the western ways and knowledge into the people's culture and tradition that have been existing even before he was born, because of his misguided zeal.

In conclusion, one understands that the gods or divinity and their ways are higher than that of humanity, so humans should not be involved in the things of the gods.