

SHOULD HUMANITY AVENGE DIVINITY?

Humanity as we know has to do with mankind under the supervision of the Divinity. Divinity is a supreme being who is believed to have control over everything.

In Chinua Achebe's *Deadman's Path*, they are referred to as the ancestors while in Reuben Onyishi's *Clash of Divinity* it is referred to as the Omoba spirit by the people of Imobi and God by the Assemblies Divine. The worshippers of these Divinities are known as humanity.

Humanity is under the control and supervision of Divinity but when they avenge for the Divinity, are they still capable of being Divinity?

Onyishi's shows the fight between the people of Imobi Omoba believers and the Christians of Assemblies Divine. The people of Imobi believe that Omoba spirit cannot be seen by women but this law is violated by the women of Assemblies Divine which makes the youths of Ezenagu to take the law into their hands. The Onyisi of Eluama says "Is that omoba cannot avenge himself or what? Why do young men of Ezenagu want to bring a curse upon yourselves and generation? If the man has offended omoba, does it mean omoba can no longer fight for himself? This he states when the beating of the man of God (pastor Dinma) and the wife is beyond control. Divinities are meant to fight for themselves as they are not humans but spirits.

The people of Ezenagu fails to understand this and they incur the wrath of the God of Assemblies Divine. Though it might tarries but the God of Assemblies Divine punishes the people involved in this calamity excluded the people that repents and turns to Him. That's why He says that He shall fight for you and you will hold your peace.

We can also see the coup against Zeus and the General superintendent, they accuse and maltreat him yet he never fights for Divinity but Divinity (God) fights for Himself by killing them in a plane crash, this incidence turns the heart of many to total submission to the God of the Assemblies Divine. He fights for Himself unlike the omoba spirit which his worshippers avenge for.

Divinities should avenge for themselves, in Chinua Achebe's *Deadman's Path*, the chiefpriest seeks for the comfort of the ancestor. He tells the headmaster "this path was here before you were born. The whole life of this village depends on it. Our relatives depart through it and our ancestors visit us by it. But most important. It is the path of children coming in to be born."

The ancestors should have confront the headmaster but it is now the work of the chief priest so, what then is the work of the Divinity? Is it just to walk through that path?

Humanity should leave the fight for Divinity, so that their power might be tasted and seen. Divinity is believed to be unseen therefore, Divinity is supposed to fight for himself but when humanity fights for Divinity, it loses its value and its no longer qualified to be a Divinity.

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