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**Should humanity avenge divinity? “A study of Chinua Achebe’s dead men’s path” and Reuben Onyishi “Clash of Divinity”**

### **Abstract**

Human propensity to avenge divinity: A study of Chinua Achebe’s “Dead men’s path” and Reuben Onyishi “Clash of divinity”. Humanity in the land of divinities are the instrument of their visibilities who are their worshipers. They are the visible image of divinity that is severed to see their creator and controllers of their affairs.

### **God /Man Relationship**

In the “dead men’s path”, it is found that the life of the people of Ndume is being controlled by the ancestral worship, their spirits which they believe still have on this is metaphysical and the new head Headmaster, Mr. Obi cannot understand it. The path which passes through the school for the other paths which passes through the other path of the bush connecting the village shrine and the cemetery is very significant to the village people that are the path of life which its blockage by Mr. Obi is an insult to the ancestors. The path of the ancestors at this point needs to be avenged by their worshippers. The chief priest has warned Mr. Obi and educates him on the wisdom of the eagle and the hawk being allowed to live together, but all this falls on deaf ears. The collapse of the school building and the torn of the hedges after the ancestry are propitiated in a proof that the ancestors are not important and they are cable of avenging their own wrongs. But it seems the

ancestors need to be reminded that their path has been blocked before they know and come to retaliate on the Culplit.

Does this then teach that what is expected of humanity by divinity are their devotions and worship? If so, humanity avenging divinity is like effortless embarking on the war of the gods against their offenders which they know best how to fight. Humanity has been found to be up just and subjection in the course of their delivery of judgment. If the quality of Omniscient is attributed to divinity their judgment will be absolutely objective and just hence they see through the hearts of their worshipers whose errors in their judgment are inevitable. This applies to the punishment God or gods metes out on seventeen seventeen in the clash of divinity". Though the church members of Assemblies Imobi seem to be getting it wrong as their women who are drunk with religious zealotry violates the customs guiding Omabe masquerade and see the nakedness of the omabe masquerades as they pass through the village Arena on the day they are not meant to come out, seventeen seventeen instead of heading to the words of the elders takes the law into his hands and he incurs the spirit of Omabe and the God of divine Assemblies church. It is a double tragedy for being having fallen into the traps of two spiritual beings. His action of going into the church and capturing pastor Dinma and his wife appears to be looking down on the power of Omabe whom the Onyishi of Eluama and Ozo Ehihe Ezeja attests that is capable of defending himself.

He is guilty defending the gods and if he fights and wins, it will prove that the gods are impotent and so need humanity to avenge them. Divinities Clash at this point and the result is the punishment of the guilty to teach humanity the need of tolerance and peaceful co-existence. Having touched the anointed one of the lord, pastor Dinma, seventeen seventeen and his men are not sphere of their lives as they

have refused to show remorse of their offence. Two wrongs cannot make a right and sparing the guilty to punish the innocent is like uprooting virtue of plant.

### Conclusion

Looking at the two texts I believe in my own understand that first divinity is not impotent and they ways of the gods/Gods are quite different from man, even though in our bible so many people performed miracle but then nobody has died and risen on the third day just like Christ deed. The mystery between human and Gods/gods are beyond human comprehension. I think divinity should take laws in their hands and not in the other way round. To air is human and to forgive is divine and they have the final say in all matters just like it happened in the case of this novels because all the people who ties fighting for divinity ends up losing it all.