

## SHOULD HUMANITY AVENGE DIVINITY USING CHINUA ACHEBE'S DEAD MENS PATH AND CLASH OF DIVINITY BY REUBEN ONYISHI.

DEFINITION OF RELIGION? Religion is the belief in a God/group of gods or the believing in the existence of the supernatural being(divinity). The supernatural is an incorporeal power or the vast and diverse powers and the abilities of the multi-verse. This supernatural is believed to be superior to humanity(mortality).

DEFINITION OF HUMANITY? Humanity, which is the quality or state of being human. There are so many religious and beliefs which includes Christianity, African traditional religion, Islamic religion, Hinduism, Buddhism , polytheism and so on. In this beliefs, we have the fanatics, people who overstep their bounds

especially the things that connect to their religion. They overreact trying to correct certain lapse in their religion thereby overreact. Having gone through some literary work like *Dead Men's Path* by Chinua Achebe and *Clash of Divinity* by Reuben Onyishi, one should be able to answer the question 'should humanity avenge for divinity'? These works will treat this puzzle using the two text listed above.

Humanity is seen as the human condition or nature; Divinity is the property of being divine, of being like a God or god.

With the above definitions, using Reuben Onyishi's '*Clash of Divinity*', in the text we see the fight between the people of Amuzu village and the people that brought christianity into their village. Here the people are seen to leave the deity or rather the god they worship to

the god of 'ndi assemblies' as used in the text. The people of the community especially the elders in the community tried and fought hard to stop people from the God introduced by the Christians. Some of the elders, Ogbuagidi and Nwalagwa, took pastor Dinma and his wife to their god because their god seem to be silent about it, after which they burnt them down with the building where they worshipped God with the ignorance that Humanity can fight Divinity, not knowing that it cannot. They didn't know that they rescued out from the fire, the group of people that were involved in the act were rightly punished, as they were caught, arrested and jailed. And after they were released, faced persecution that led to their death.

Others that did not themselves in the fight were converted into Assembly Divine.

In Chinua Achebe's *Dead men's Path*, it houses paradox to portray the contradiction arising from the moral dilemma faced by mission. Trained converts whose estrangement from community life delineates the tragic conflict between the binary world view of Christianity and the simple live and let-live duality of igbo traditional world view. There are supernatural powers which are said to be beyond human understanding or comprehension which tries to come between divinity which has consequences. In the case of the village headmaster Obi, despite the fact that he meant good for the village school by using his ideology to change the ancestral

way of things, where he had to pay for the actions he took.

In the society, we should experience matters of divinity on the present things, and things that will happen. Obi is also seen to be ignorant of the power he is fighting against by so doing he also all he worked for because he turned deaf ears.

Using both stories or text, we see that humanity cannot avenge divinity because each character in the above text did not take heed or instructions to the advice given to them and were ignorant and they lost all they worked and fought for.

Humanity should not avenge for divinity rather there should be a reconciliation.

Also, because it is a catastrophe having notable fact that divinity is superior to humanity, it will avenge itself.