

Should Humanity Avenge for Divinity? Discuss Using Chinua Achebe's Dead Men's Path and Reuben Onyishi's Clash of Divinity.

Humanity is a term which commonly refers to the human species, mankind as a whole, or set of qualities which are used to define human nature or the human condition.

Divinity on its own part is the state of things that come from a supernatural power or deity, such as a god, supreme being, creator deity, or spirit and are therefore regarded as secret and holy. Such things are regarded as "divine" due to their transcendental origins or because their attributes or qualities are superior or supreme relative to things of the earth.

Humanity should not avenge for Divinity because the avenge of Humanity causes more havoc and catastrophe in the society. This can be referred to Reuben Onyishi's Clash of Divinity, where seventeen and his gang took laws into their hands on the verge of fighting for the omaba god. They beat, disgraced, and humiliated pastor Dinma, raped his wife and even burnt the church of Assemblies Divine because it was said that pastor Dinma exposed the secret of the Omaha spirit to the women of imobi in his church and also asked the women to sing and dance round the village on the said day of the festival which was a taboo in imobi land.

This singular act exasperated the villagers which made seventeen and his gang sought to tamper on the lord's anointed. This was responded by the general superintendent of Assemblies Divine Reverend Chikelu who mobilized twenty men of armed but plain-clothes policemen to imobi to arrest the culprits. This made the village to be in a state of unrest but was finally resolved with the help of Barrister Matthew Ezenwa.

Divinity on the other hand should be left to avenge for itself. The verdict of Divinity is so dangerous that before it comes to pass, there is a sign or sound of warning it gives before it act and so it is left for the the victim(s) to show signs of remorse before it becomes too late. In reference to Chinua Achebe's Dead Men's Path, one can see that due to the new principal of Ndume Central School going on deaf ears to the warning of the chief priest of Ani, one part of the school building was brought down, when he blocked the path where the villagers considered to be their ancestral footpath.

Also in Reuben Onyishi's Clash of Divinity, one can also see that there was a message passed across to the villagers concerning those who participated in the maltreatment and brutality of pastor Dinma and his wife, that they should come for the atonement service. Only those who were in support of the crime came while those involved in the act didn't come so calamity befell them which led to their abrupt end on earth.

A victim is seventeen who was the leader of the crime was accused of spiritually stealing a woman's breast in a bus, was beaten to death before the intervention of the police.

Another was Ogbuagidi who secured a site where gravels were stored and sold at oheagu land of Amity. But he met his untimely death when a certain Sunday he was asked to secure the site alone because his colleague was sick. A trailer who usually steal from the site came and Ogbuagidi approached them and they lied saying that they wanted to buy gravels after they must have filled their truck with it. Ogbuagidi persisted that they stole it so they tried to negotiate a price with him. Seeing that their negotiation was not favourable, they sought to kill him by

hitting him with a heavy wedges of the truck that opened his skull. Ogbuagidi's body was found the next day by then vultures had begun to gnaw at his entrails.

The next person was Nwalugwu Paulinus who engineered the raping of the pastor's wife. He was attacked by robbers after his sister must have sent him money for a building project. He was asked by the robbers to bring the money but being that he was brave and strong resisted the robbers and refused to tell them where he kept the money, saying that there is no money. His wife was raped before him and he had a severe machete cuts all over his body. He survived it till the following morning when he was rushed to the hospital at Ugwuasho where he gave up the ghost having lost a lot of blood.

One would see that the avenge of Divinity over Humanity is nothing comparable to Humanity avenging for Divinity. So should be left for Divinity to avenge for itself.