

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

In these novels we can see the clash between humanity and divinity. In *Dead Man's Path*, Mr. Obi was appointed headmaster of Ndume central school and decided to use his modern development mind to beautify the school compounds so when the white inspectors come they would give high grades for his efforts, but as time goes on he discovers a traditional path way leading inside the school compounds where the villagers lead claims to be their ancestral travel route and way for newborn babies to come. Mr. Obi has ordered the route closed and due to this the chief priest had asked him to re-open it and offer sacrifices to the gods but he refused and was challenged by the divinity of the gods where the school roof was pulled out, the beautiful hedges were torn up not just near the path but round the whole school, the sowers trampled to death...And on this day inspectors came and met the school in great disaster and wrote nasty things about the premises and more seriously about the tribal war between the school and the village and part of the misguided zeal of the new headmaster.

USING CLASH OF DIVINITY. The clash started as a result of religious indifference between Assemblies Divine and Omaba of Imobi spirit. The pagans of Imobi believe that their god is superior and that Christians shouldn't interrupt their festivals. The masquerade festival held in Imobi was interrupted by the Christian women who were going to church accompanied by some men, but the tradition states that women were not allowed to see this masquerade this act interrupting their festival bringing a clash. The youths led by Seventeen seventeen took vengeance against the Christians, they beat them up and planned to burn the pastor and his member without anybody knowing he was the one but before this act Seventeen seventeen had already been advised to leave it for the gods to revenge but he didn't listen. Micheal whose uncle is Seventeen seventeen saved the Christians and rushed them to the hospital because of the damage while Seventeen seventeen and his group didn't know about this at the end leading to their death. We can see the fact that humanity can't avenge divinity therefore leaving divinity avenge for itself if Mr. Obi in *Dead Man's Path* had left the path as he was told he wouldn't have seen failure and disappointment, same with Seventeen seventeen he wouldn't have died if he obeyed and left the manner for the gods to handle.