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SHOULD HUMANITY AVENGE DIVINITY?
DISCUSS WITH ACHEBE'S DEAD MEN'S PATH AND REUBEN
ONYISHI'S CLASH OF DIVINITY.

According to Merriam Webster's Dictionary,
HUMANITY is the quality or state of being human or kind to
other people or to animal.

To AVENGE means to harm or punish someone who
have harmed you or something that you care about. it is to
exact satisfaction for (a wrong) by punishing the wrong
doer.

DIVINITY is the state of being a god; the state of being
divine. Due to corporeality of human, canality and other
forces that makes up and surrounds human existence has
made it that humanity can in no way stand up or measure up
with divinity because divinity deals more or better still is
spiritual!

Owing to the superiority of divinity (against) to humanity, it is
quite ridiculous for any human being to think of avenging the
divine being. The extreme of this absurdity is such that it is
totally impossible!

When we talk about divinity, there's this understanding
among Christians that what is being referred to is the
supreme force in which Christianity is built , the celestial
(being) force alone.

Contrary to this misconstruction, Divinity has to do with both
celestial and infernal beings.

The answer to whether HUMANITY SHOULD AVENGE
DIVINITY is capital NO! because it is impossible due to the
carnality of man and it's quite unachievable.

In Achebe's Dead Men's Path, we see Michael Obi's
long awaited and desired dream come to pass and how he
terminated and put his fortune to an abrupt end trying to
fight and eradicate what has existed even before his father
was born as the priest warned him.

His pride and ego couldn't allow him to think well before
acting and also didn't give room for him to change his
selfish mind. By fighting (a belief) what has existed with and

before his ancestors by blocking the path, he has caused more problems than he has solved.

In his bid to bring change to the village school and modernize it, he violates the divine power of the tradition and so his plan was thwarted. He succeeded in causing more damage than good. Inflated by his own ego he has managed to isolate the school from the community and rather than bringing harmony he had made sure he's not trusted by the local people. While at the same time, he had managed to put his position as headmaster in jeopardy. At the end of the story, he left the supervisor with a bad remark of him.

Reuben Onyishi's Clash of Divinity is another prose work that have exhibited the attempts and failure of man to avenge divinity.

The story is about "religious clashes" and that could be used as a major theme in the story. Clashes ranging from the native's culture and tradition and ancestral belief to Christian religious.

In clash of divinity, the Christian missionary of Assemblies Divine breakthrough into the Land of Eluama Village of Imobi, Uguenu and beyond. It happened that there's a festival where Omaba, the masquerade would come out in the village arena and parade naked with men beating to his tune. Women are not supposed to see the masquerade (naked) for it is believed that if they should, calamity would befall the Land and so were prohibited from coming out that day.

The District Superintendent of Assemblies Divine, Rev. Dimma obsessed with fanaticism, syncretism, his zeal and faith violated the tradition because he couldn't allow any fetish or pagan event stop the church activities from going on. Omaba masquerade was abused for on that day as they parade the community, the Christians sang ridicule songs;

Jesus power, Super Power!

Omaba Power, Yeye Power o!!

round the village.

A battle line was therefore drawn between the Assemblies Divine Converts and the Traditionalists because what they have observed as an abomination, that is women seeing the nakedness of the masquerade has happened.

Headed by Seventeen-Seventeen, a notorious figure in Eluama and even beyond (a hunter), the pegans couldn't allow their god to fight for itself rather they went ahead to avenge the supposed atrocity committed by the Christians. They whipped the pastor, Dimma and the wife, dragged them inside the church and set the building ablaze but as God would have it, Pastor Dimma and the wife were saved by Michael, a Catholic convert from being burnt.

As Pastor Dimma and the wife were saved, the General Superintendent have to fly them abroad for medication and vacation as well for few weeks. The couple recovered from the ill treatment of the pegans but that was not the end for God took vengeance for it is written in the scripture that vengeance is for God alone and also the scripture made it clear "touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm." The Pagans has done harm to the anointed prophet of God and so it's time for vengeance. Some of the natives who took

part in the hurting of the man of God were converted as pastor Dimma forgave them according the will of God ministered to him through inspiration. However, someothers like Seventeen-Seventeen who refused to repent and ask for forgiveness.

But before God actually took His ultimate vengeance, Faithfuls of Assemblies Divine did took vengeance by reporting their enemies. They were prosecuted and they spent up to three months in the prison but to prove the vanity and worthlessness of human's vengeance, they came out of the prison more healthier than they were when they were arrested. They really enjoyed themselves because Matthew, a wealthy native of the town (with his political power) provided all they needed to the extent that the inmates not happy to be released for they would never enjoy themselves the way they did in the prison. Their experience in the prison is an exact irony of what a prison experience should be.

The second instance in Reuben's Clash of Divinity that prove the futility of human's attempt in avenging Divinity of the supposed men of God of Assemblies Divine. It between Revered Okoro(a selfish pastor) against Rev. Udo at first whom he was against being the District Superintendent. Rev. Udo is a person that respects other people's beliefs, a person who observes the saying; "let the kite perch and let the eagle perch as well." There was challenges in the Church, many converts backslided. Owing to this, Rev. Udo was thought incompetent and carnal. Rev. Okoro accused him of a lot of immoralities and so he was withdrawn as the District Superintendent and penalized as Rev. Dimma took over his position.

Rev. Okoro continued his diabolic mission in the Vine Yard of God. He played politics in the church and that is seen in the story when he manipulated the election as to who becomes the General Superintendent as against Reverend Zeus in favour of his partner in crime, Rev. Shadrach. Rev. Zeus, a true servant of God wouldn't fight for himself. He got several revelations against taking vengeance that the Ubiquitous God isn't unaware of his circumstances. He would take solace in the story from Bible verses. He would read Psalm 46:10, Numbers 17 and several other portions that gives him hope that God will surely fight for him.

God took vengeance as he vindicated Rev.Zeus and other men of God who stood by him and suffered his tribulations with him(Rev. Ogidu).

Rev.Okoro and Rev. Shadrach met their horrifying death of Plane Crash as they were returning from the court to celebrate their mischievous, dubious and diabolic gotten victory.

That was the manifestation of Divinity.