

Drew- (general question) What is the purpose of marriage? Is it love? Is it based purely on functionality?

-Nnu Ego's two marriages (p.71)

Asher-What is the role of women in the different societies represented? p.71

Clay- What is the meaning and function of "chi" (p.35)

Aaron- Expectations for pregnancy (p.31)

Arthur-Nnaife and his reliance on white society for livelihood

Andrew-Demasculinization of the men in Lagos who work for white men

Discussion

Purpose of marriage

(p.53) Cordelia loves Ubani

(Grant) "love is not purely functional"

(class consensus) love is functional to a certain extent

"Why is marriage functional?"

-scarce population, high infant mortality rates

Western Culture v. Tribal System

which marriage was better for Nnu Ego?

In African culture, women take on a passive role

In white culture, women take on a more active role

(p. 71) contrast of the two views on marriage

Why do women take on a subordinate role in African culture?

Can it be that women become fertile and men do not?

(p.49) Amatokwu's manhood is in question because of Nnu Ego's inability to conceive

(p.36) description of the ideal man for Nnu Ego in the eyes of Agbadi

Chi

-guardian spirit that can either help or hurt

(p.45) Nnu Ego's first dream

(p.77) Nnu Ego's second dream

(p.31) Expectations for Pregnancy

-Nnu Ego is expected to become pregnant quickly

She takes blame for not becoming pregnant, drawing the blame off of her spouse

Death of her first child is a failure for Nnu Ego as a woman

(p.31, p.24) The ideas of promiscuity and obedience and how the two impact each other.

For instance, what might be considered promiscuity in our society or under other circumstances is not considered promiscuity in the case of Nnu Ego's mother because it was the wish of her father, and she was therefore being obedient.