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THEMES FOUND FROM THE PLAY GOODMORNING SODOM

The play good morning Sodom is a realist rendition that poignantly draws attention to destructive acts often engaged in by students, resulting in cheap deaths of dreams and dear ones on the nation campuses. Below are some themes that can be found from the play Good morning Sodom;

i. Theme of Wrong association

The play Good morning Sodom is analyzed to be in a form of satire, particularly to the youths in the higher institution who tend to exhibit so many dubious behaviour . the of wrong association can be said be one of the dominant themes in the play.

This theme was first derived from the main character of the play Keziah. Keziah was known to be a very focused and goal achieving young girl who did not want anything to come her way in achieving her dreams, she was known by her peers as a very serious individual who always takes her studies very serious, including her parents, not until she came in contact with Demola who is known to be the cause of Keziah's downfall in achieving her dreams, it all started from when Demola made his first approach to Keziah on her way to class to study, she tried resisting him, Demola on the other side who was so eager to get Keziah was still pushing, Ovie and Bunmi whom happen to be close friends to Keziah and have noticed how Demola has been coming around, they tried convincing Keziah to give Demola a chance, simply because they felt Keziah was being too hard on him and also felt Demola was going to be a nice guy to Keziah, this is where the theme is been pointed out, it was because of the wrong association with friends like Ovie and Bunmi whom were not as focused as Keziah in achieving her dreams that lead to part of Keziah's downfall, her friends tried persuading her to give Demola a chance, this is what is predominant among so many youths in the higher institution today, most of them get involved in some dubious act simply because of the wrong advice they got from their friends, for the girls most of them get into toxic relationships and end up being messed up, some get pregnant and become drop out, Keziah can be used as a case study. It was seen in the play that she later fell into the trap of Demola and she eventually got pregnant and it led to her dropping out of school, which brought a huge shame to her and her family.

Another part where we can say wrong association was seen in the play was also from Demola, Demola one of the major character in the play was to be calm and gentle, but most the things he found himself doing where from the bad company he kept, Demola had a friend named K.K, K.K was known to be a very bad influence to Demola in the play and also he led to Demola's downfall. his influence to Demola which was what led to Demola's main fall was him giving Demola a spell which was what he used to get Keziah and then it led to him raping her which led to her getting pregnant, this was where the conflict started in the play. Also part of K.K bad influence to Demola was introducing him to a secret cult called Red Sparrows, they went for an operation and Demola was found killed at university gate.

Having analyzed the play we can see that getting into a wrong association can destroy the dreams of individual, particularly seen among the young individuals in our society today, we should always learn to choose our friends wisely.

ii. Theme of lack of parental care

Lack of parental care is one of the problems that was spotted in the play and also has affected the youths today in the society, parents have failed to monitor their children properly and also guard them to the right part. Lack of parental care can be one of the themes that was spotted in the play *Good morning Sodom*.

This is seen from the parents of Demola, they failed to monitor their son properly while he was at the campus, K.K. Demola's friend while he was confessing to the parents of Demola Mrs. Diran and Engr. Diran, he said he was responsible for most of the dubious behaviours Demola exhibited, firstly Demola told his parents he wanted to stay on campus with the excuse of no space in the school hostel, all this was masterminded by K.K., we can as well say that the parents of Demola failed to carry out proper monitoring on their child, it was their responsibility to find out the main reason why their child insisted on leaving the campus to stay off the school even if he gave them a reason of doing such.

iii. Theme of anti-social crisis

Anti-social crisis can be said to be one of the problems that was raised from the play *Good morning Sodom*, this is also a problem that is being seen in so many higher institutions today.

The issue of rape is one of the anti-social crisis that was seen in the play, rape as we all know has been one of the anti-social crisis that has been dominant in the society at large. So many girls have dreams been shattered because of the dubious act found among our young males.

It was seen that in the play Keziah who was very focused and determined to achieve her dreams was raped and it shattered her dreams and brought a huge shame to her family not only that it led to her getting pregnant and she eventually dropped out of school. It also caused a huge emotional trauma and affected her mentally.

Another anti-social crisis that was noted in the play was the practice of cultism which resulted to conflict of the play, cultism is a very destructive activity that has been a very huge problem in our society, most practiced among the youths, this activity was practiced among some students in Mayflower university. Demola and K.K. which happened to be friends were as well members of the cult group, their activities disrupted the learning environment, looking at the death of Demola, he was found shot dead at the university gate during their operation, unfortunately that was his first operation, his death affected Keziah knowing he got Keziah pregnant and also his family was in a big emotional trauma.

Cultism is an activity that needs to be curbed in our society, parents, religious bodies should partake to help curb the evil vice, so as to help secure the future of the youths, we can see that Demola's involvement into a secret cult didn't do him any good, rather it ended his life and also put his loved ones into pain. And also his friend K.K. on the other hand got a life imprisonment, simply to a conclusion that getting involved in cultism does not pay off, its reward is evil and it comes with pain and regret.

iv. Failure of the constitutional authority

Most of the failed areas in the society today particularly in the life of the youths is the constituted authorities has failed to carry out their duties properly. We can say mostly in federal universities where we have a lot of anti-social vices carried out among the youths the constituted authorities tend not carry out preventive measures in as well as to curb or reduce the rate of some dubious activities carried out by the students, most of the constituted authorities are less concerned on the illegal activities carried out by the students , rather they keep quit and wait until the students are in the level that they cant be controlled any longer, this was seen in the play Good morning Sodom, most of the activities been carried out by the students, like cultism which was dominant in mayflower university, if the authorities took fast measures to stop such crimes it wont have gotten to the level it went , to the extent of students carrying guns and other prohibited weapons that's to show the level at which the crimes was at the university. All this where going on under the watch of the constituted authorities.

It is the duty of the constituted authorities to monitor the activities of students in the university so as to provide a safe learning environment for the students, but it was seen that the constituted authorities in mayflower university in the play Good morning Sodom failed to carry out their responsibilities properly, the result of the event that happened can serve as a prove to that.

v. Theme of death

Death which we all know is an irresistible factor, it comes unexpected, the theme of death was found in the play Good morning Sodom, which is said to be the conflict of the play, it was seen in the character demola which was to be one of the major character in the play Good morning Sodom.

The death of demola was indeed a sorrowful one which affected his family, friends, and majorly Keziah which he got pregnant coincidentally and left alone with the pregnancy. Demola died as a result of the operation been carried out by his cult group against another group, at the end of the day was shot dead unfortunately by his friend k.k mistakenly, demola belonged to the secret cult named red sparrows. His body was found by the university gate, students gathering to see the dead body, when Keziah set her eyes on the dead body she collapsed and was rushed to the hospital, it was then they found out she was pregnant. Demolas death affected Keziah so badly.

2. Characters in the play Good morning Sodom

i. Keziah

Keziah is known to be the major character in the play Good morning which the story centers on. She was known be a girl who was in her late teens, and wanted to achieve her dreams without letting anything distract her, also trying her best to make her parents proud. But then the table turned, it all went the wrong way, Keziahs dream was shattered because of the bad company she had, her friends ovie , bunmi and stella where not as determined as her to chase her dreams, Keziah wanted to focus on her dreams until she came in contact with demola who ended up spoiling all her dream, at first when she met demola she so persuasive on her, he wanted to get her by all possible means, Keziah who had no time for any relationship of any kind was resisting him, as they progress keziahs friends where telling her to give demola a chance, eventually demola got his way through, Keziah went to his house after several discussions demola eventually got Keziah into his bed although demola added a substance into Keziah juice, when she woke up she was so shocked about what happened , she was so bettered , she said to demola what have you done to me? Demola told her that it was a mistake and it was not intentional.

As the story continues, with the pain and feeling of guilt, Keziah had to go review to her friends about what happened, stella was trying to console her about what happened to her also, how she was raped by four boys in her pastors house, her dad and the pastor when to deliver a woman from an accident, so she had to stay with the boys, unfortunately for her she got raped by the four of them. This incident made stella to never believe in God, she regrated ever going to the pastors house that day. so stella told Keziah her story in other to console her about her present situation.

To worsen the situation Keziah was into, demola who belonged to a cult group was found shot dead at the university gate during an operation, stela had to call Keziah to the scene, on getting there she saw demola lieing lifeless, she quickly left the place withy a move she dropped out, with blood at her back, she was quickly rushed to the hospital, when they got to the hospital with the arrival of her parents, Mrs Richard and Dr Richard, they met the doctor, Dr Handson, and the doctor told them that she was fine, after having some medications she was taken home, then her dad gave her the doctors test result, only for her to open it , it was seen that she was pregnant, she was in w huge shock, her both parents where so disappointed in her, Keziah on the other hand was so confused that she did not know what to do, she was down emotionally and mentally, adding to the fact that demola who is the father of the child is dead.

The treatment given to Keziah this period by her father mostly was so terrible, she had to drop out of school because of the pregnancy, her father was so disappointed in her, but her mother Mrs Richard was their for her, she took Good care of her daughter. Keziah felt all hope has been lost for her.

Later run when the truth of her demola drugged her was reviled by k.k to demolas parents, and when they found put they had to inform keziah's parents.

Due to the pressure and pain with maltreatment Keziah was getting from her dad she ended up poisoning her self, when her dad came back , he saw her lying lifeless with a written note on the table, apologizing for all she had wronged them, Keziah was ushed to the hospital immediately and she was given treatment and her parents where so scared that they where going to loose her, the doctor told them she was okay and the baby was still intact, Dr Richard apologized to his daughter for the maltreatment he gave to her. Finally Keziah gave birth , and it was a girl, named mauritha, their was joy and celebration between the two families.

Keziah was still able to go back to school to complete her education, and her joy was gotten back, she gained admission into the university of ibadan, and she entered as a 200level student.

ii. Demola

Demola was also known to be one of the main character in the play Good morning Sodom, Demola was a young boy who got influenced by friends in the university, demola was so interested in Keziah that he was ready to do anything to get her, so he had to get her with the help of his friend k.k, k.k gave him a substance to drug her drink, k.k who was known to be a good guy did not want to use it, but he did it because he was very desperate to get Keziah , he used it on her and he was able to sleep with her.

Also demola was involved in a secret cult , called red sparrows , he was influenced by his friend k.k, they went into their first operation and unfortunately he was shot dead by k.k mistakenly. His death affected many, and also a terrible one, he left Keziah who was pregnant for him, and also his family. Demola death served as a lesson to many young youths out their who belong to one dubious activity to another and also having bad friends around that would lead them to their destruction.

iii. KK

k.k was known to be a character in the play Good morning Sodom, he was known to be a bad influence to demola, most of the dubious crimes demola did were all masterminded by k.k, when he called demolas parents while he was in prison, he told them he was responsible for demolas death and bad behaviour , he went further to tell them that he was the one who told demola to live outside the university, giving the excuse that the school hostels were full, he was also the one who made demola to join the secret cult red sparrows, which eventually led to his death. Parents should make sure friends like k.k are not around their children so as to prevent their children from being spoiled, like in the case of demola. His story never ended well.

3). i. Narrative structure :

One of the significant differences between the written play and the film version is the narrative structure. The play is structured as a series of interconnected vignettes that explore various aspects of Nigerian society. In contrast, the film has a more linear narrative structure, with a clear storyline that follows the character, Haggai, as he navigates the challenges of living in Lagos.

ii. Characterization :

The film version of Good Morning, Sodom features some new characters, and some of the characters in the play are portrayed differently. For example, the character of Mama Risi, who is a central character in the play, is a minor character in the film. In contrast, the character of Haggai is given a more prominent role in the film, and his backstory is explored in more detail.

Tone and style :

The play is a satirical work that uses humor and irony to critique Nigerian society. In contrast, the film version of Good Morning, Sodom is a more somber and serious work. The film's cinematography and visual style are also quite different from the play, with the film featuring more cinematic shots and a more polished look.

iii. Setting :

The play takes place in various locations across Lagos, with each scene presenting a different aspect of Nigerian society. In contrast, the film version of Good Morning, Sodom is primarily set in a single location, a slum in Lagos. The film uses the setting to explore the harsh realities of life in Lagos and the challenges that the characters face.

Overall, while the film version of Good Morning, Sodom remains true to the themes and general plot of the play, it is a distinct work that diverges from the play in several key ways. The film's more linear narrative structure, somber tone, and different characterization all contribute to a unique cinematic experience that is different from the written play Chief Justice .