

# AFE 122 ( USE OF ENGLISH)

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Good Morning,Sodom (A play)

1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning,Sodom,underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrusts the drama engages.
2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning,Sodom.
3. Comparison of the play and the movie of "Good Morning, Sodom" by Dr. Solomon Edebor

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## A) Themes of Wrong association

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This Theme has been vividly painted in the Play. The negative peer influence of K.K and Bentol on Demola. From the start of the play, at the second movement trying to get his way with her. We can clearly see that he is interested in her as a lady, but Keziah does not give him her attention. She is concerned more on her studies that she is about Demola as she even sees him as a distraction.

However, we figure out later on in the course of the Play that Demola is actually in love with Keziah and succumbs to his friend's advice, K.K. KK is a cultist who is responsible for the making Demola do "many terrible things" and is alas responsible for his death.

Bentol and KK's negative influence on Demola started as a result of Demola's wealthy lifestyle. He notices his love for Keziah as sees her nonchalance as he advises Demola to rape Keziah, giving him an hankie that has been charmed, to enable Demola have his way with Keziah. KK is also responsible for encouraging Demola to take drugs and harmful substance, even when Demola insists. His influence on him was heightened when he introduces him to cultism, which later led to his death by KK himself.

The theme of negative peer pressure is evidently portrayed in this story. Even in the life of Stella, after been raped by four boys taking turns in her. She succumbs to the lifestyle till God later captures her through dreams on two different occasions.

## B) Theme of Parental Responsibility,Care and Guidance.

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 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 demolas 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 of campus with the excuse of no space in the school hostel, all this was master minded 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.

### C). Theme of the Anti-Social Crises

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 been seen in so many higher intitutions 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 where 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 demolas involvement into a secret cult didn't do him any good, rather it ended his life and also put his love 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.

### 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 quiet 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.

#### D). Theme of Love

The theme of love is not greatly evidently portrayed as parental responsibility and negative influence. One who thoroughly goes through the play can see that the love that Demola had for Keziah was genuine, but with a fault. When advised by Demola to use the charmed hankie on Keziah, he says refuses saying he has trued on many occasions to invite her over to his house. But the influence of KK on him, we can say is stronger than the love he has for Keziah. This love can be seen as a romantic love or rather, infatuation. But the love Keziah had for Demola at this point was likeness as a friend.

Also, love is portrayed in Keziah's relationship with her parents, from the first movement. Keziah is filled with so much joy and happiness just from seeing her mum, when she notices the absence of her father she becomes pensive. Her mother's love for her doesn't reduce even after getting informed about Keziah's pregnancy. Mrs Richards even tried to talk to her husband to try and show support to his daughter.

Without the love in Mr Richards eyes for his daughter, she couldn't survive the hatred her father had for her. His repulsive attitude towards her lead her to become suicidal.

We can see that, it was the lack of her father's love that dragged her to attempt committing suicide. Truly parental love is crystal clear in the Play.

#### E). Theme of Hope

Stella Keziah's roommate is the centre of this theme. After Keziah had been raped by

Demola, she was seen crying in her room when Stella tells her 'Everything would be fine', she carried inside herself hope, because she was in a worst situation than Keziah. She shares her story of been gang raped by her pastor's son and his friends.

Stella questions her self, asking " when will they(men) realise that we are like flowers that radiate beauty but get marred once we are violently plucked? When?'. She believed that Keziah could go back to her normal lifestyle without becoming friends with Demola again. She is responsible for giving hope to Keziah that she could stand on her two feet once again, stronger and better.

If we notice properly Stella is present in times when Keziah has lost hope, we can simply say she is light at the end of Keziah's tunnel.

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#### A.) Keziah

Keziah is the daughter of Dr and Mrs Richards . She is an undergraduate of Mayflower University. She is the protagonist of the play, Good Morning, Sodom. She is a very brilliant student who spends most of her time reading or engages in school activities.

She introduces the play together with her mum, as her mum comes to visit her in the absence of her dad, which causes her to be pensive but immediately becomes cheerful after she was told that her dad would gift her for his absence. In the next movement she is approached by a handsome guy, Demola. From their conversation, we can see that it was not the first time he had tried to approach her to talk with her, in regards to dating her. As always, she turned deaf ears to him as she makes her way to the library.

Furthermore, we are surprised by the turn of events in movement six, where we can see Keziah in Demola's House. This turn of events later leads to being raped by Demola. After the unfortunate events that she passes through, she once again loathes Demola and has to experience such dreadful event while trying to be his friend.

In addition, after the death of Demola by KK his friend, in an unfortunate even. We find out that Demola had impregnated Keziah. With the anger and pain showered on Keziah by her father, she attempts suicide by intake of drugs. Luckily she and her baby survives. She later gives birth to a baby girl, Mouritha. Keziah later completes her studies in the University of Ibadan and moves out there to study with her baby and a care taker.

#### B). K.K

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 demola's 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.

### C). Mr. Richards

Mr Richards is the father of Keziah. He has a major character in the theme of Parental responsibility. At the first movement, we were made to understand that he wasn't able to come visit his daughter because of an unforeseen trip.

He allowed anger towards Keziah to distract him from carrying out his parental responsibility. After finding out that Keziah had been raped after visiting Demola at his house and goes further by blaming her. He even opines to Mrs Richards that the baby should be aborted at an early stage of pregnancy as he doesn't support the birth of such baby.

He later regrets his actions when his loath towards his daughter pushes her to attempt suicide. He is the one who sees her suicide note, rushing to her room to see her unconscious on the floor.

Mr Richards makes up to Keziah after being discharged from the hospital. Both the father and the daughter apologise for the actions and misconduct. He even helps her get admission into the University of Ibadan, to allow her change her location and continue her education.

### 3.

## COMPARISON OF THE PLAY AND THE MOVIE OF " GOOD MORNING, SODOM " BY DR EDEBOR SOLOMON

The Movie "Good Morning,Sodom" written and directed by Dr Edebor Solomon, is indeed a masterpiece as well as the play, appealing to the optical senses and hearts of the audience on the life within the four walls of the university and the social vices present in the tertiary institutions of today. While most of the lines and scenes were mirrored exactly as the play, there was creativity in the movie as there were distinct characteristics and situations that took place in the movie to further peak the interest of the audience.

In the movie, the lecturer sent the late students out of the class for their tardiness, and asked if the class has any questions at the end of the lecture which didn't occur in the play but gave us the sense of discipline and order in the class room.As for Keziah's and Demola's discussion in the cafeteria, their lines were a bit different and Demola wasn't eating rather he bought a drink to spike a conversation with her.

In Stella's recount of her rape, she excluded the fact that she was unconscious and woke up in the hospital. There were also visual inconsistencies line with the play as there were additional lines taken so as to encompass the creativity of the director. Also, in the scene of Stella's dream, the man who stopped her wasn't dressed in a Khaki and cap, rather a traditional attire. Also, rather than her rising from the bed at the end of her dream, we see her in the next scene drying clothes outside before Emmanuella came to meet her

The remaining part of Zumaira and Nonso was cut out when they were commenting on the expulsion of Demola

The kitchen scene was cut out to encompass the dialogue of Mr and Mrs Richards about the next step to take, regarding Keziah's pregnancy, of which he recommends the suggestion of abortion so as to reduce the shame on Himself and his family.

There is a plus scene of Keziah crying on her bed (after hearing her parents discussion) and her mother coming to console her regarding her father's maltreatment on the grounds of her being pregnant.

In the movie, the court case is skipped to the end, when the judge is pronouncing the judgement unlike in the play where there was a detailed court session.

Also unlike in the play where both Engineer Diran and his wife went to see K.K in Prison, only Engineer Diran was present to hear K.K's plead for forgiveness as his wife had died in the movie. It can be said although it was an interesting movie, it would seem that it was rushed and skipped some minor scenes like where we would see Keziah's daughter and how her Dad breaks the news of an admission into University of Ibadan.

Regardless of whatever adjustments were made in the movie adaptation, the relevance of "Good Morning, Sodom" by Dr Edebor Solomon remains the same and even increases with the movie. It is a very impactful piece that has taught life lessons to all and serves as an inspiration to the youths.