



IGBO CULTURE IS BETTER THAN EUROPEAN CULTURE WITH REFERENCE TO *THINGS FALL APART*

Humyra Anjum Maliha

Humyra Anjum Maliha. B.A. (Hon's) in English, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh. E-mail: maliha2072000@gmail.com

ABSTRACT

Things Fall Apart is authored by Chinua Achebe (1930-2013) who is one of the most outspoken contemporary and internationally recognized African writers and intellectuals. Achebe writes this novel in response to European novels that stated African culture as uncivilized. In his novel Achebe presents his own tradition and culture and also the way are they changed with the arrival of the colonizers. This article attempts to show why Igbo culture is better than the culture of Colonizers. There are variety of beliefs about the matter. Some critics say that the Igbo culture is better because of its rich religious system and their faith towards gods. Some also believe that the harmonious judicial system of the Igbo is better than the individual judicial system of the colonizers. Moreover, many critics claim that Igbo culture is finer because of its communication method, like- using stories and proverbs. However, this paper argues Igbo culture is better because it teaches the Igbo people moral values and to be modest towards other.

Keywords

European colonizers, Igbo culture, religion, communication, modesty, friendly.

