Response Paper 2

The sublimity

Sublime, the quality of greatness, greatness beyond all possibility of calculation, measurement, and imitation. According to Emmanuel Kent, sublime is what is absolutely large. He emphasized the difference between absolutely large and simply large. It is so large that everything else is small in comparison. As discussed in class the sublime is the infinity and during Kent lifetime this might refer to GOD the almighty.

In fact, what can be great that it cannot be grasped or equate with anything else? In my opinion, Kent and other writers that have discussed this topic have God in the underline of their writing. As a reminder, I, myself, am not a believer in the idea of God described by some documents, nor do I dismiss its presence in any form. Now that we clear the path of any bias from my part to interfere with my idea of sublimity and God, this is why I believe the idea of sublimity, in some senses, has God as its root.

In the earlier day, even before the birth of the son[[1]](#footnote-1) of God, human used to address their payer to an almighty through several types of rituals. The point is God is seen as the almighty. Almighty, in general, holds the idea of power. It is something that has power over all thing. Is that thing absolutely large in some sense? From the perspective of belief, any subject that has to do with God has an all power and beauty in it. This description might be of less relevancy to you or our discussion of the sublimity of God. but we can agree that due to this power of the sublime God, He/She/it was able to create Heaven.

Heaven refers to a place of all beauty. In some spoken languages, this word could refer to the sky which is not the context of this discussion. We will, therefore, use the French word Paradis[[2]](#footnote-2) to refer to heaven. In Paradis, which is beyond our world, nature is a perfection from God itself. The Garden flowers never die and are unique from the one in this world. In Paradise there is no sin, no bad, people never go hungry, … Everything is beyond the beauty as that human has ever seen. Grandiose beauty indeed. New species of animals with birds that have sublime feather coloring, the sky full of stars and more. The creating of this place full of beauty to the level of infinity by God means this creator hold a sublimity beyond description.

In central Benin, before the 1960s, people believed in the existence of a being called *awlikponouwa*. She is of an astounding beauty. A beauty that no other woman from this world can equate. She could make the king of an empire fall for her. Her waist is the “talking Drum”, feet that lighting the ground below her. One could notice her presence in the middle of the absolute darkness. The voice of the *awlikponouwa[[3]](#footnote-3)* sing to the rhythm the any musical instrument. Her beauty is simple infinite and absolutely grandiose with no other to equate.

1. To most, the son of God is Jesus. But I will leave this to your judgment. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Paradise or Garden of Eden is often the final place where humans will be rewarded for their good behavior. This is an important concept presented at the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis. It therefore has a special meaning for the so-called Abrahamic religions [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Mythical women with a beauty beyond this world. People from Benin before the 1960s or earlier than that believed of her existence [↑](#footnote-ref-3)