

# Divinity and experience - the religion of the Dinka.

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The third section explores the Clan-Divinities. Does Lienhardt over-read meaning and significance into various Dinka rituals? Kleinman wanted to move the anthropology of religion beyond questions of meaning making. Lienhardt examines the complex meanings of divine imagery and relates these to the Dinkas' experience of life and death.

### Divinity and Experience

From the role of priests to the translation of hymns, prayers, and myths, Lienhardt provides an unparalleled analysis and interpretation of this people and their religion. What are the advantages and disadvantages? On page 10 he writes that his work aims to describe and not analyze the structure of the Dinka religious experience.

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Lienhardt examines the complex meanings of divine imagery and relates these to the Dinkas' experience of life and death. I wonder how this suits his broader objectives within the text, and if this difference in style helps to parse differences between Lienhardt and contemporary anthropology of religion? From the role of priests to the translation of hymns, prayers, and myths, Lienhardt provides an unparalleled analysis and interpretation of this people and their religion.

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The second half of this section gives an overview of cattle in the Dinka experience. Perhaps he interviewed the women also, and they said the same thing, but it left me wondering how do women see themselves in relation to their cattle? Lienhardt gives particular focus to the relationship between Divinities, Clan-Divinities, and the Dinka. He notes that the sacrifice of cattle is the central religious practice of the tribes.

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The symbols of the fishing spear and the cattle peg hold great power over the tribes. Throughout the work, the author examines how the reality of the divine has influenced every aspect of Dinka culture.

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Lienhardt highlights that although the Dinka have a simplistic way of life they have a complex social and linguistic relationship with cattle, which represent both the Dinka and their relationships 26-7.

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The majority of pages are undamaged with minimal creasing or tearing, minimal pencil underlining of text, no highlighting of text, no writing in margins. The second part of the text focuses on the origins of the Spear-Masters, invocations and prayer, symbolic actions, and a brief section on being buried alive.

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While invocation and symbols are important one would have hoped for more depth in the examination of these practices.

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