

D Question # 1

Legal Sessions: Last several days, "Legal Specialist" schedules legal session, legal session was more about cooperation than winning case (p. 155), legal "battle" more about security settlements, "battle" is more so a discussion.

ex. of above Mo-Ning, Sineu, Ideng-Nogon

- Teduray do not use force. Legal specialists had authority but no right to force.
- Binuwayá - actual name of manner of method during legal session. p. 159
- Not about revenge. p. 158
- legal session is therapeutic because it allows free discussion to get all emotions out and family involvement is a key aspect.
- Mo-Ning was allowed to "yell" at community members because they understood his anger and pain. p. 152
- Teduray approach would not be successful in U.S. because of our deep marriage expectations & social expectations, as well as of participants and environment.

Group 2 - Question # 1

- Disputes were settled in Tiyawans.
- Focused on the emotional - soothing the gallbladder
- Concerned with finding the best solution for all people involved
- Legal sessions are a socially honored way to deal with community problems.
- Divorce story ch. 11
- Therapeutic because
 - 1.) no one leaves the case angry
 - 2.) people can speak openly without being afraid
- Similar to American jury pg. 161-162
- Would not work in America because people want what is best only for them. Revenge and lying would hurt the case.
- Legal matters are more community based. Organic system.
- Parents have equal rights over children after divorce.
- Lawyer are called Sages.

Question 2

- Schlegel observed a shaman remove a stone from Mo-Tong's neck to heal his headaches. Removing the stone was a trick. the real work the shaman did was in talking with the spirit Mo-Tong had angered.
- Shamans have 2 tasks
 - 1) restore harmony with the spirit world
 - 2) lead the community in the Kanduli meal
- Shamans are always successful because if the person remains sick, it is because a Flying Soul had stolen his liver, and if the person dies, it is because of the pact he had made with his umbilical-cord-twin
- In Teduray shamanism, the shamans meet with the spirits naturally in their sleep. In the !Kung culture, the shamans put themselves into trances. The !Kung shamans can also learn to be shamans, but in Teduray culture, it comes natural to them. They've always met with spirits in their dreams.
- Priests are monotheistic and the shamans are animists. Priests are more solemn and have to adhere to specific guidelines.

Question # 2 Shamanism

• Tasks:

1. Restore harmony with the spirit world when a human had inadvertently antagonized a spirit
2. Lead the community in the four sacred meals accompanying swidden cultivation → "Kanduli"

• Shamans always successful b/c they believe people chose when they die. Therefore, death is never a shaman's fault (p. 221)

• Teduray talk to their spirits in their dreams, whereas the !kung enter into trances, which was physically taxing on the body.

• Priest: forgiveness of sins before death, specific worship times

Shaman: no forgiveness of sins before death, no specific worship times (part of everyday life)

• incidents: removing stone from neck, Kanduli.

Question #3

- Boys parents indirectly ask woman's status, ^{marriage} status
 - o watch for bad omens as they travel
- Business deal
 - o Male's family gives material gifts at engagement & then at ceremony and next day.
 - o Female family ~~goes to make residence~~ prepares food and brings ~~to ceremony~~ ceremony
- Bride & Groom unaware of impending marriage.
 - o tricked
 - o Both are upset
 - o after finished crying taken into a specially conducted room until ceremony
 - o Boy & group go to female home for ceremony.
- Ceremony
 - o Bride always sits across from groom
 - o initially face East so Goy follows sun.
 - o listen to speeches, eat some food and they are done.
- Rather than actually being 'bride' symbolizing union of families

3.

- The process starts once the children reach puberty
- The proposal is metaphoric and initiated by the parents
- Negotiations + transaction of goods is more important than the actual ceremony
- The two people getting married do not know until the day of the wedding
- Schlegel does not consider the wife to have been bought "Forest Teduray did not purchase anybody..." (pg 124)
- The wedding practice contradicts the considerate vision Schlegel advances because those being married are unhappy at first and have no say in the ceremony. The ceremony deals much more with parents.
"I was told that the weeping and struggling were expected..." (pg 123)
- The treatment of those being wed could be because they are ~~considered~~ children until their first child is born

Question 4:

- Animists believe in spirits who are equal in significance, even the Great Spirit.
- Great Spirit was the creator of the forest, the humans and spirits. (p. 80)
- When born, all people have an umbilical cord twin who dies. All Teduray pick when + where to die, where they go live with their twin (p. 209)

Animists

- men had childbirth at first
- horribly painful (81)
- 4 people originally
- based on black + white marriage (81)
- twin at birth - rejoin in death, have heads
- 8 cosmic realms w/different spirits in each (205)

Christianity

- Women have always given birth
- Adam + Eve
- both generally assumed white
- rejoin kin
- Heaven + Hell

Cosmic realms + ideas of death in Teduray society seems comforting to Schlegel
- especially w/Len's death

Question #4

4. pg 193 - no idea that could be called religion but they do have one Great Spirit and many lesser spirits that they share everything with.

pg 83 In Christianity there is only one God. The Teduray believed that they were put here to care for the world and Christians believe that the world was created for them to use.

Schlegel found the Teduray beliefs more conducive to his own egalitarian nature.

Differences

- One God
- male
- Almighty God
- Adam & Eve sent out of Garden of Eden b/c of sin
- God chooses when we die
- Many spirits
- nongendered Great Spirit
- not "almighty" pg. 216
- Great Spirit remade humans until they were content
- you choose when/how to die