

Concept of Community and Community Support Systems in Africa

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I. Introduction

Throughout the ages, astrologers and astronomers have wondered at the mathematical symmetry and the cosmological harmony that underlie the balance and equilibration in creation.

Today, while the universe deepens and widens simultaneously, modern physicists have taken the leadership in doing rigorous scholarly studies on how truly continuous and interdependent the forces of creation are.

A deep empathetic involvement and participation in indigenous African culture is increasingly revealing that, even though there does not seem to be any real pattern in everyday indigenous African behaviour, a definite logic runs through all African institutions and systems. Indigenous Africans perceive and demonstrate harmony, balance and equilibrium in life. In fact, indigenous African societies seem to be solidly pivoted on the organismic model. The organismic model teaches that all sub-groups and major institutions in society are micro-systems that must contribute to the growth and socio-political stabili-