

A Comparative Analysis of Selected Circumstantial Names among the Akurmi (Kurama) and the Atyap (Kataf) People of Southern Kaduna

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Abstract

Names are as old as time. From the beginning of time, everything; both animate and inanimate has a name by which it is addressed. This paper specifically focuses more on a comparative analysis of personal names of human beings among Akurmi and Atyap that are circumstantial in nature; names that the bearers are given based on the circumstances surrounding their conception or birth. As such, these circumstantial names are collected and dissected to work out their meanings with a view to establishing whether they are really circumstantial names or not and how the giving of such names remain some forms of the people traditional norm that must be preserved because of its relevance.

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