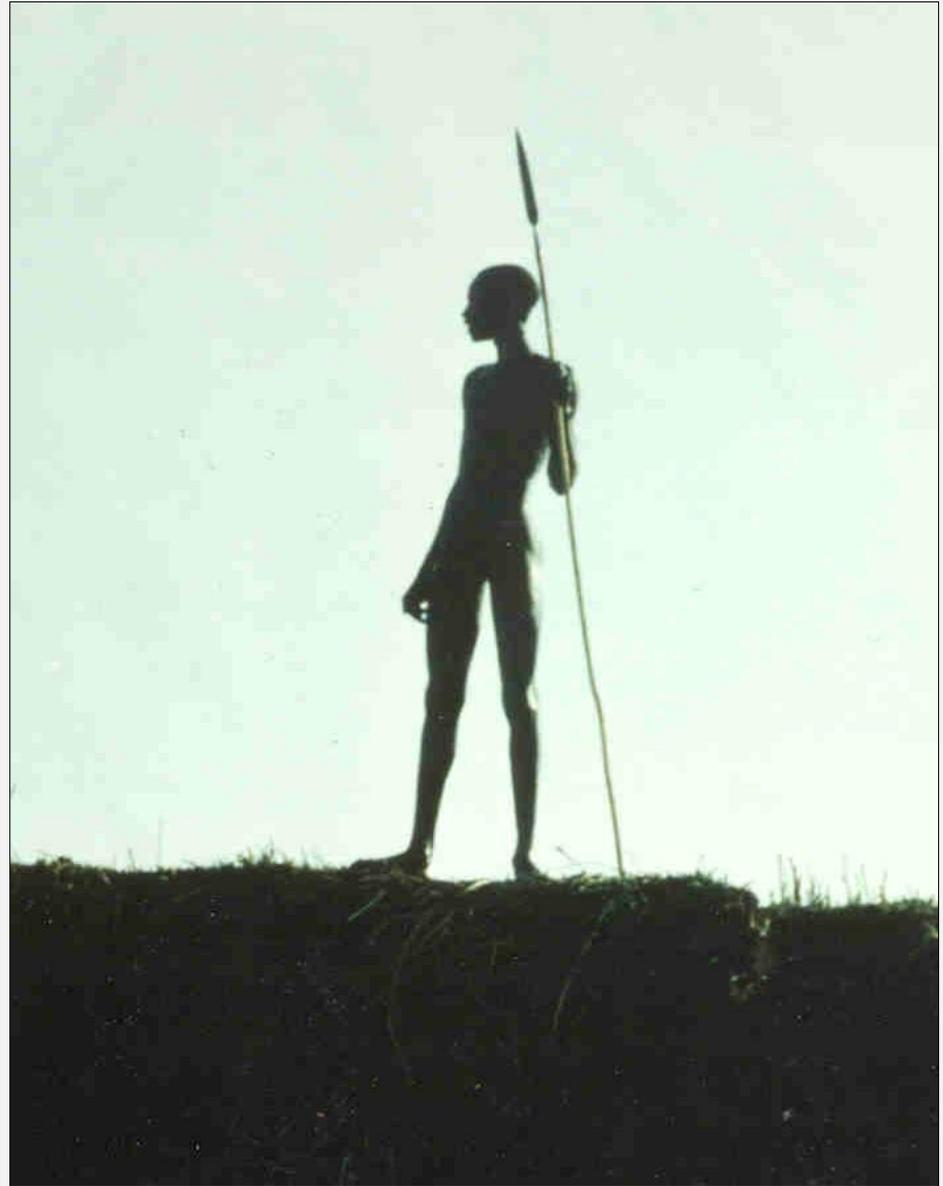


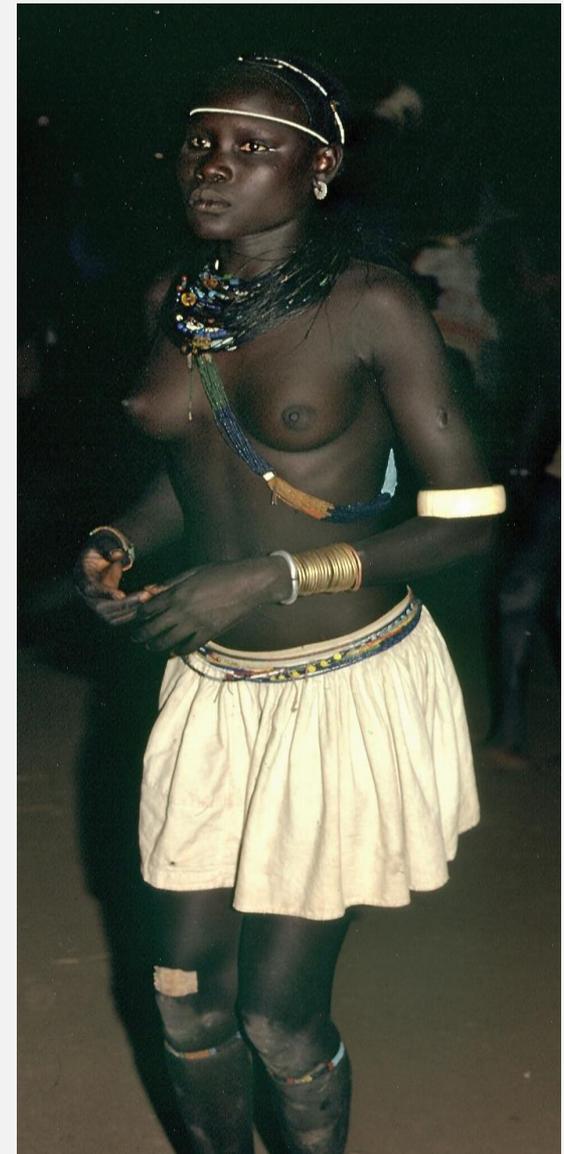
Living on Earth in the Sky

The Anyuak's
perception of the
world and their
understanding of
the identity of a
„truly human“
person.



A journey through human consciousness

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I. General Information on the Anyuak



Geographic Location

Where are we geographically?

...in South Sudan, in one of „the world's most remote regions“

Informationen on the Anyuak:

Migration/History:

Size of Anyuak Country: ca. 200'000 m2

Population: ca. 100'000 (Dichte: 5 /km2)

Wirtschaft: Sorghum and Maize,
a few cattle; Hunting and Fishing

Neighbours: Masango, Murle, Nuer



II.

Where am I – physically, spiritually ?





1. The Space above: the Sky





2. The Space below: the Earth

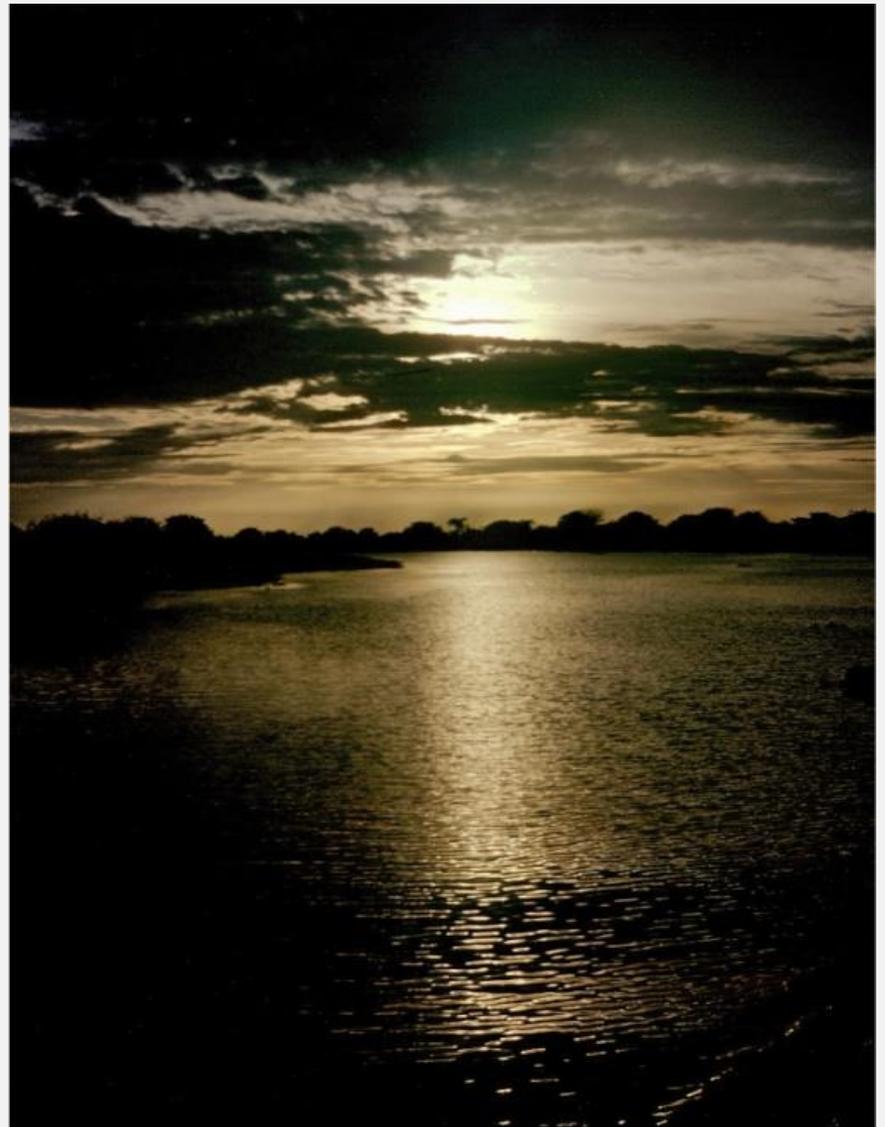








3. Rivers



Resource of Life: Water



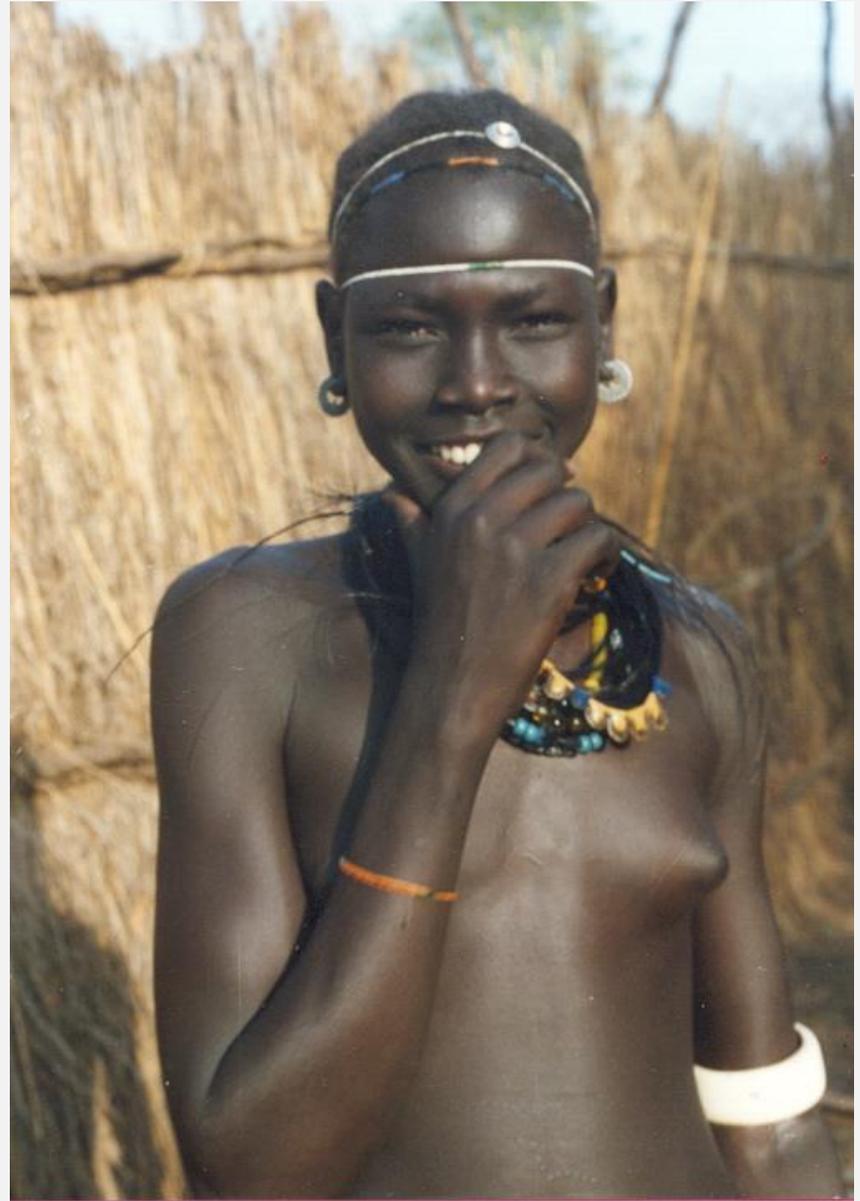
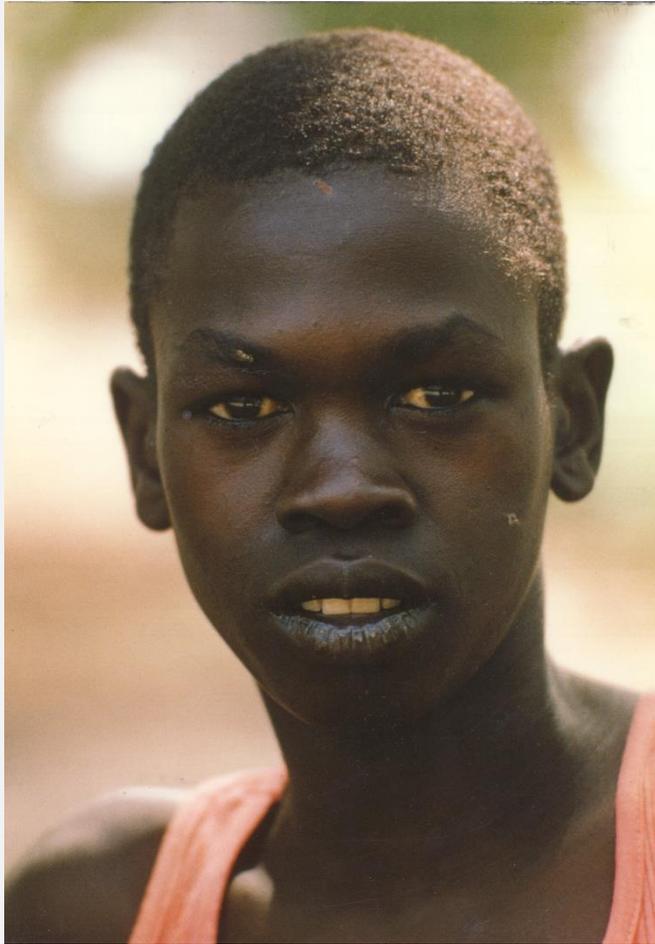




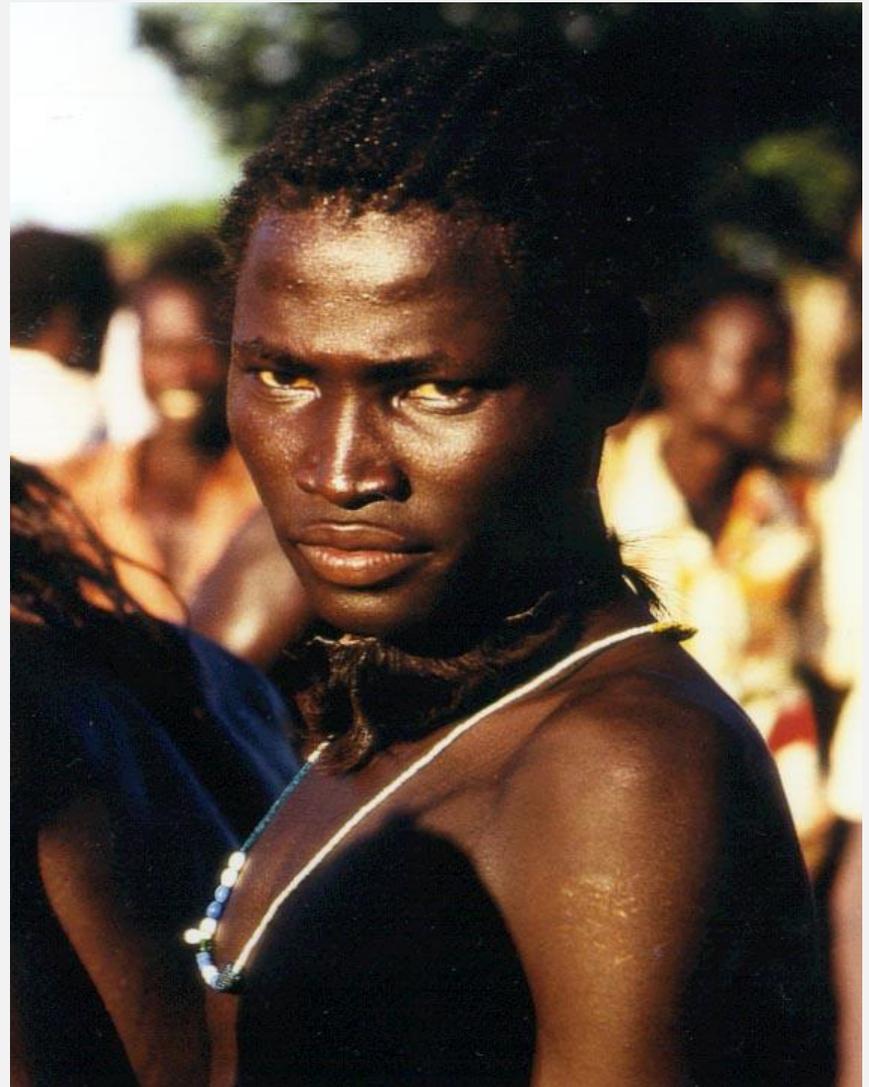
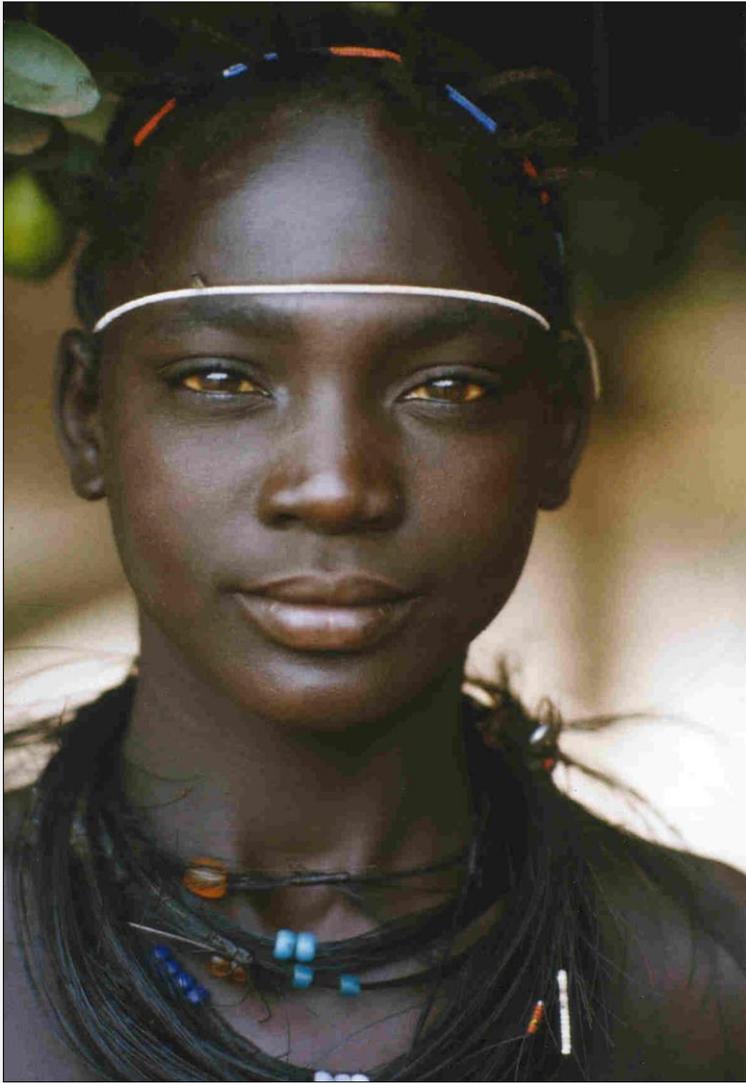
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The big question of human
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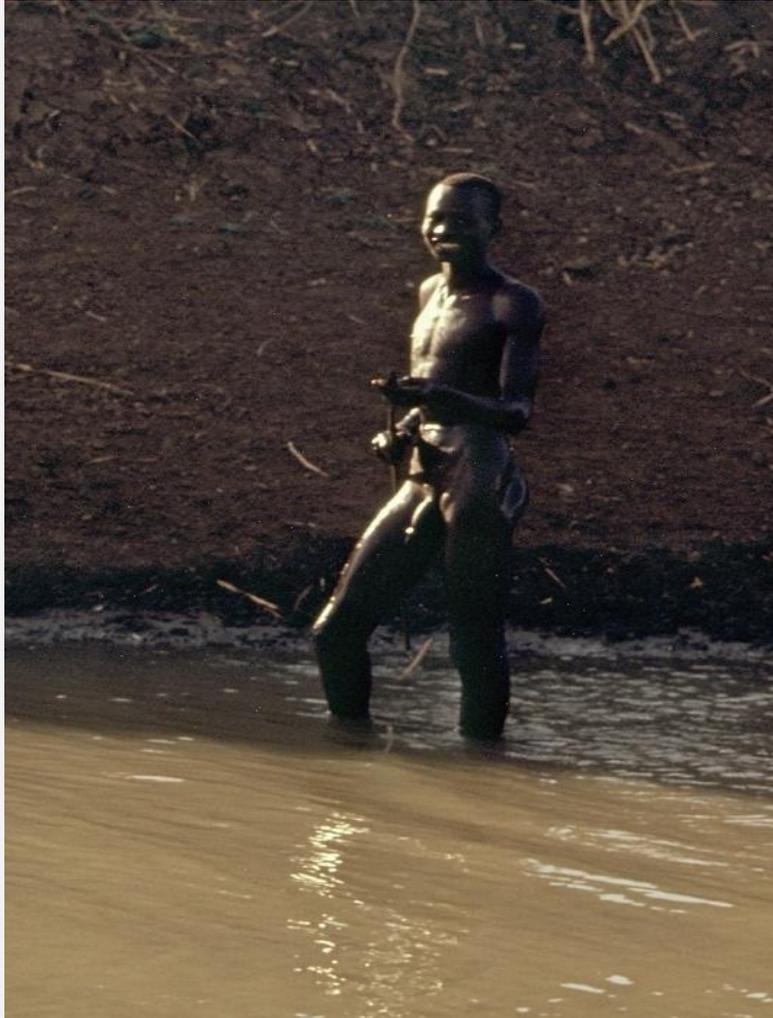
Who am I ?



Answer 1: I am a human person !

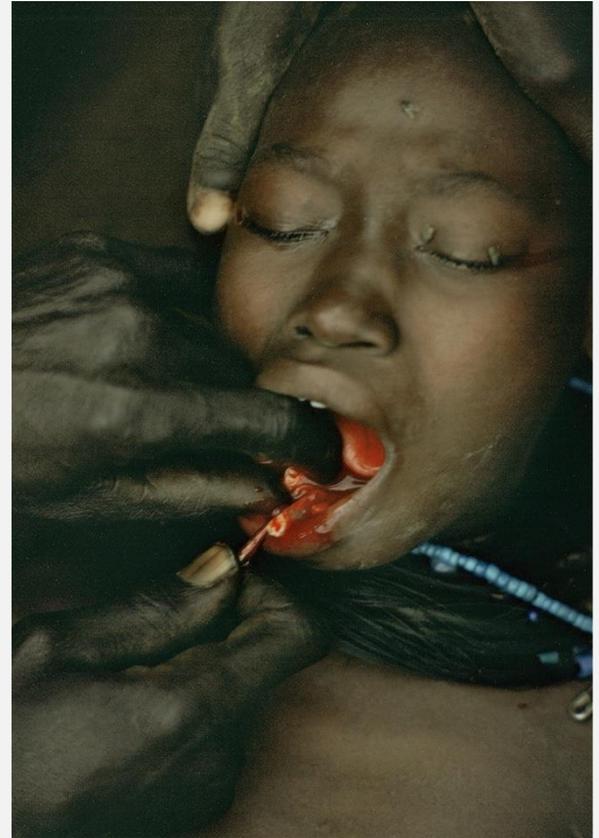
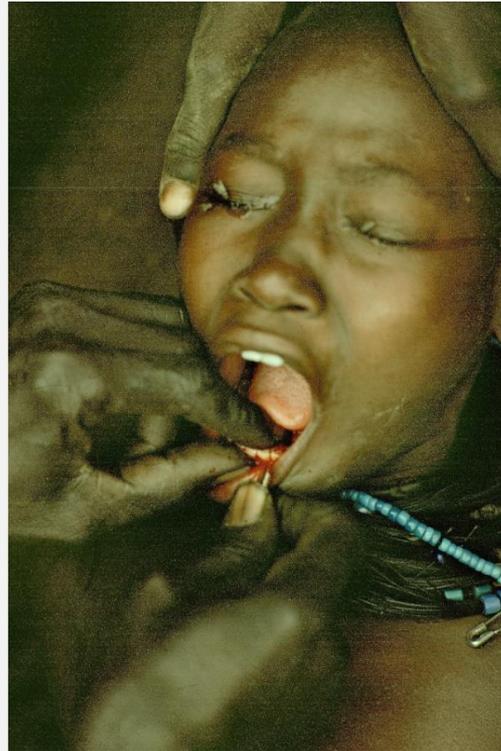


Answer 2 : The Human Being's identity is physical :
it is not one of transparency (like the one of Jwok, God)

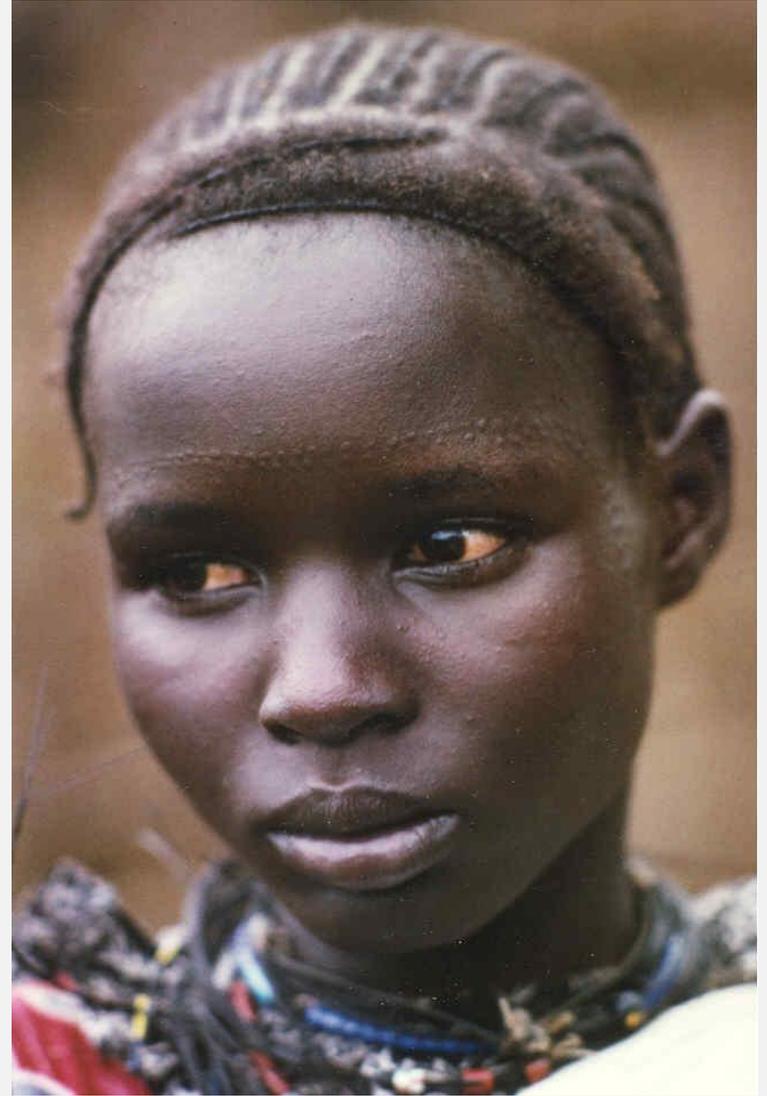


Answer 3:

The Human Person is not an animal!



Answer 4 : The human Person has got a self-awareness



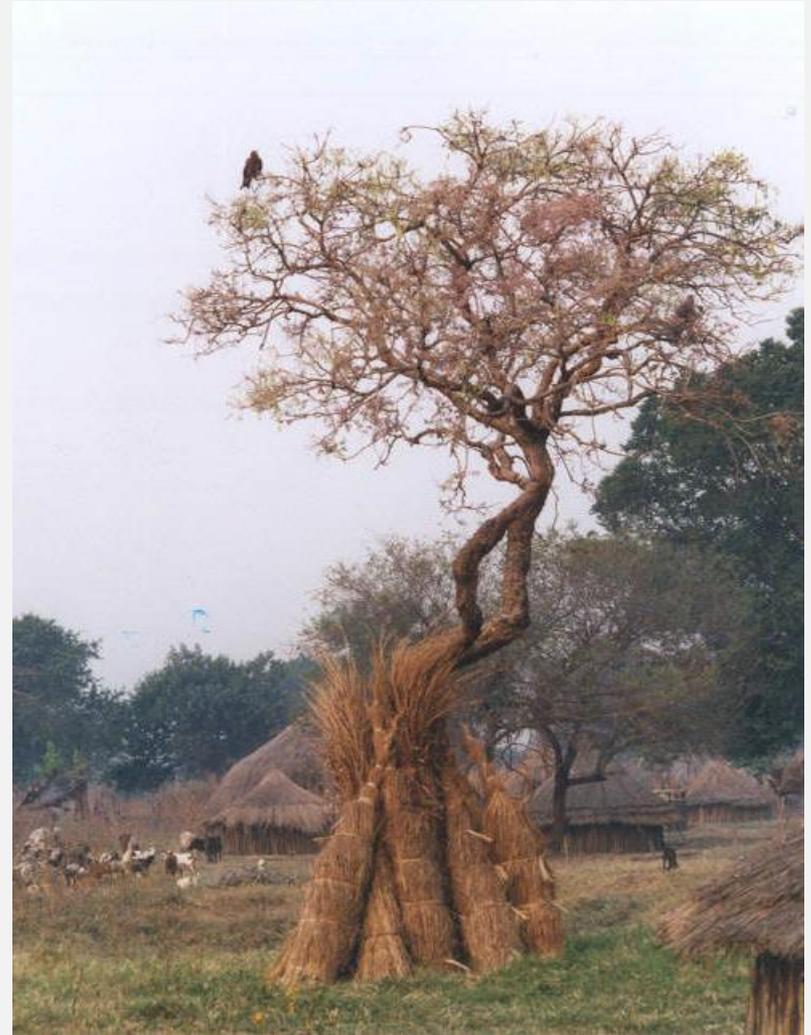
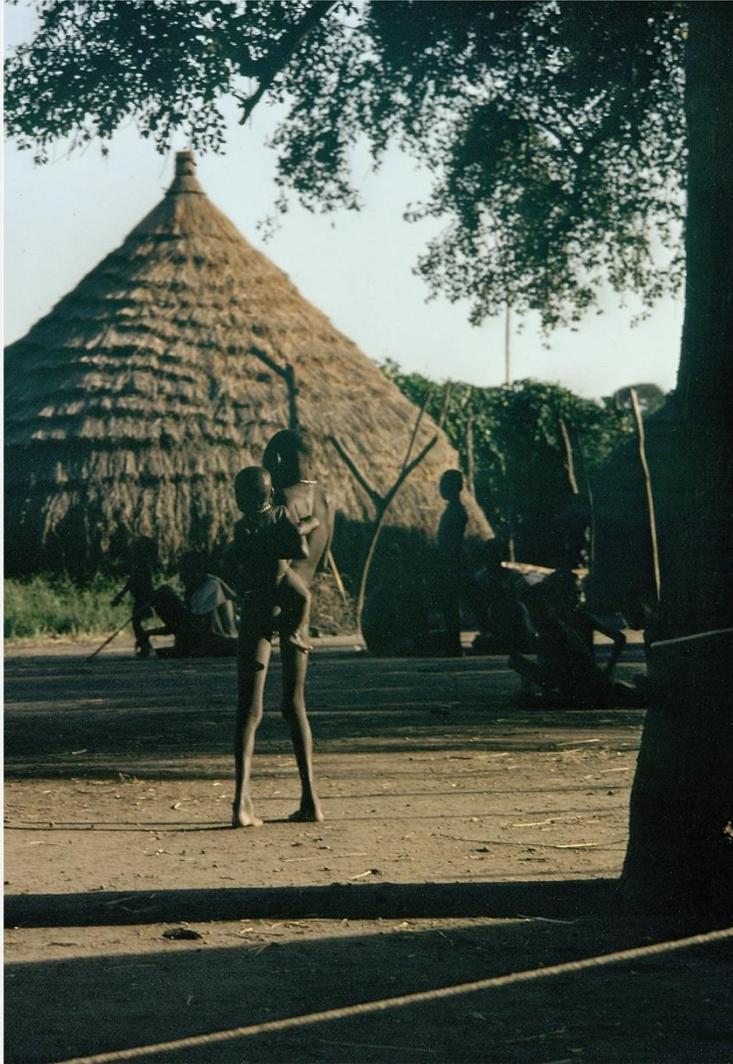


Answer 5 :
The human Person is proud of
his/her human identity



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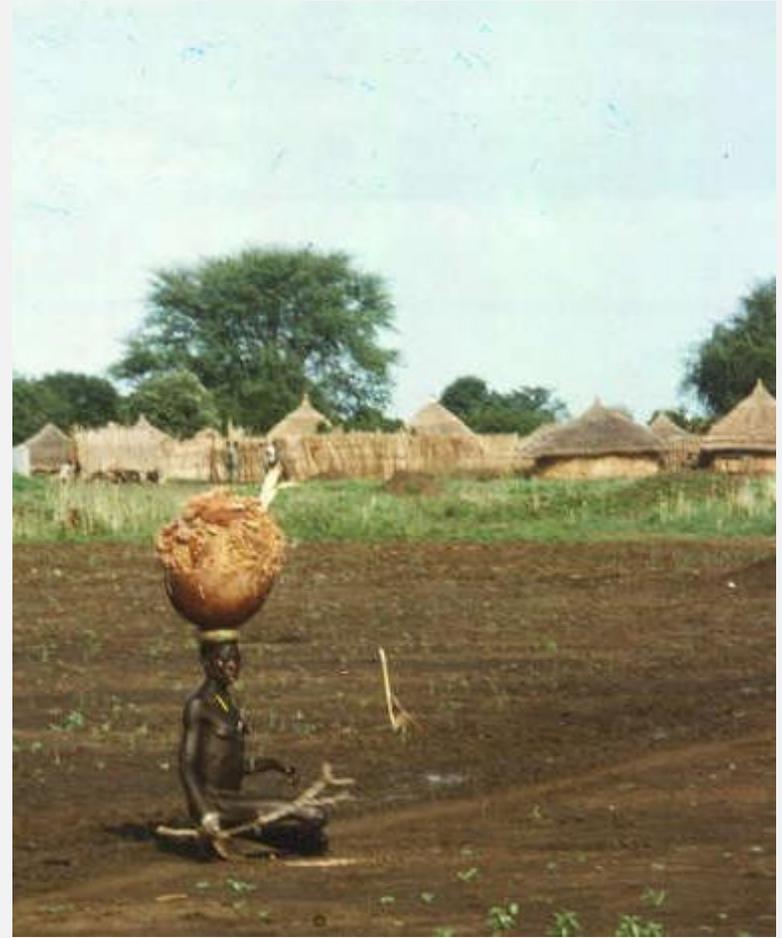
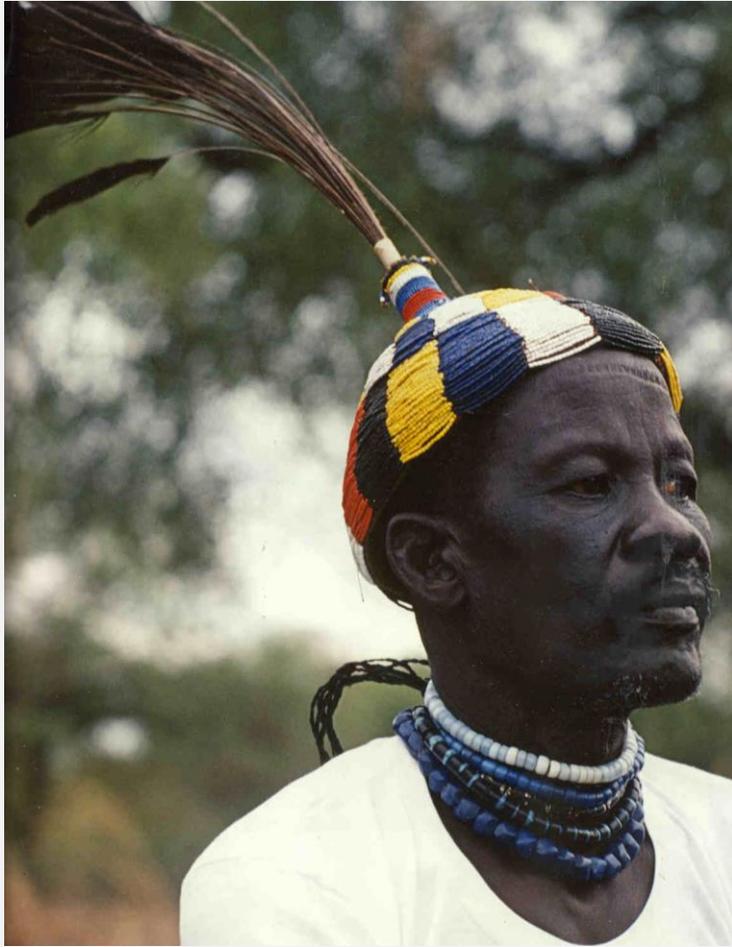
Creating a decent living space for the people



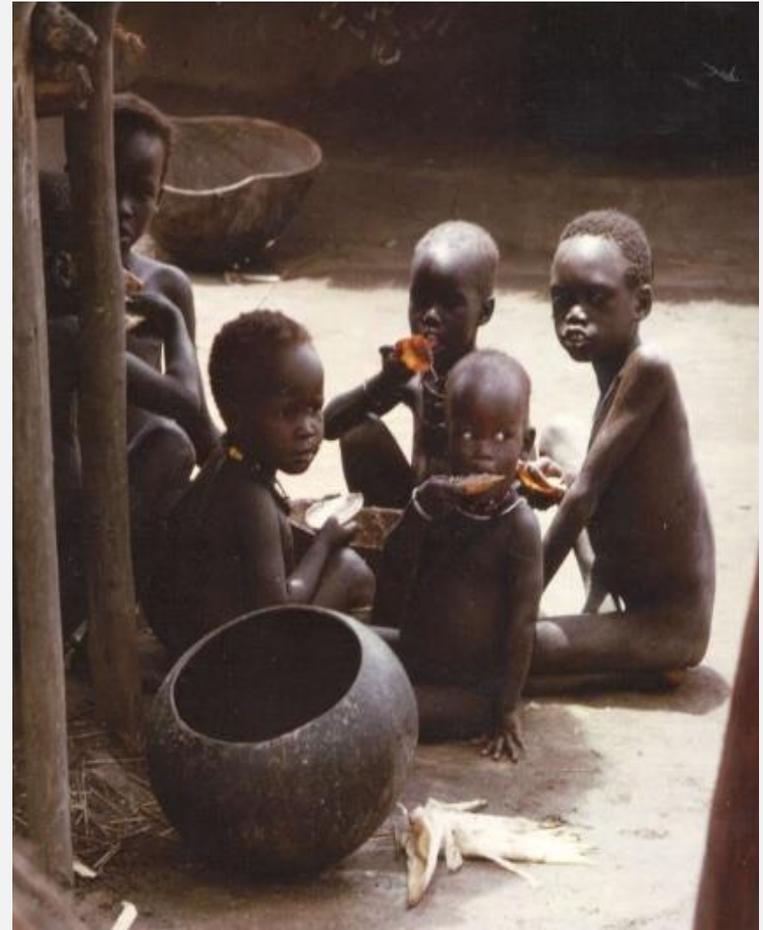
Elements for building up human civilisation



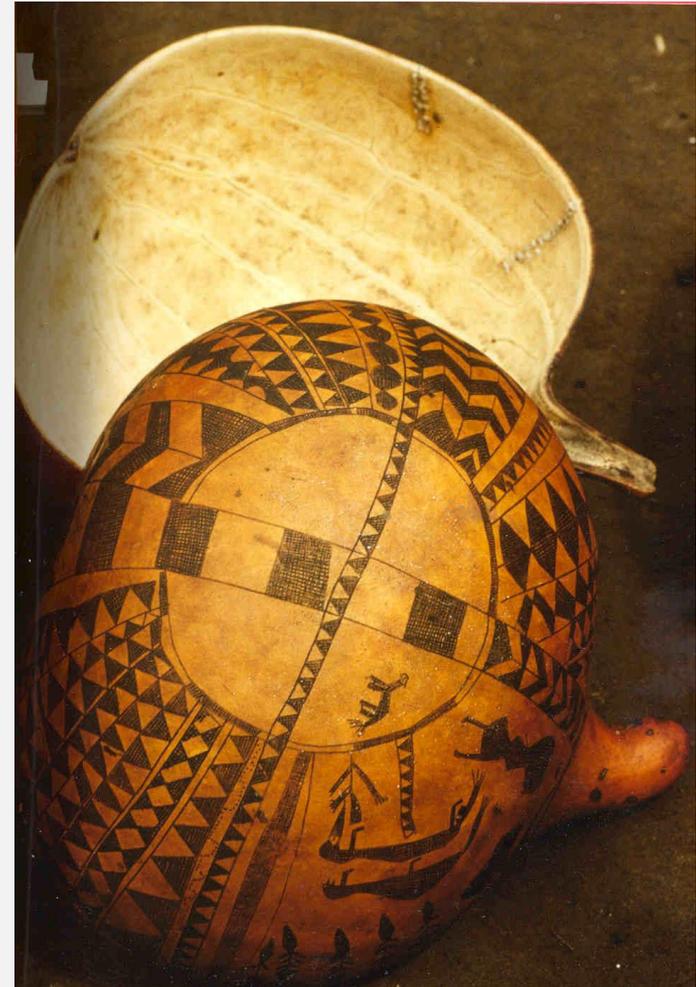
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(Marriage, respect, breach of conduct etc.)

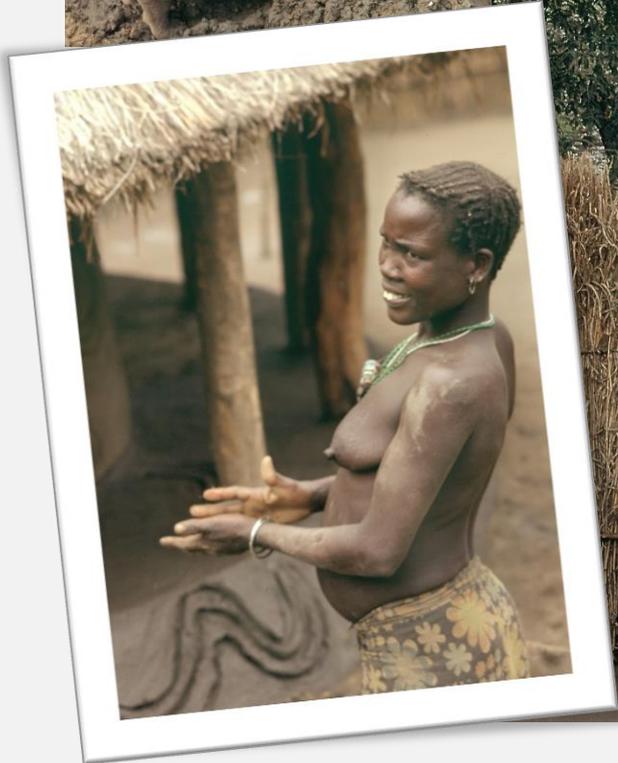


Social cohesion, solidarity and sharing



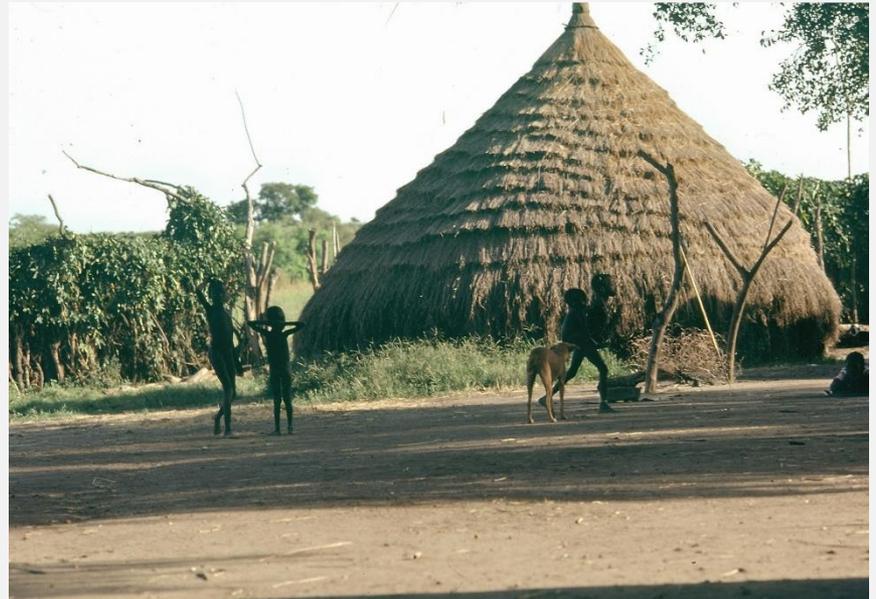
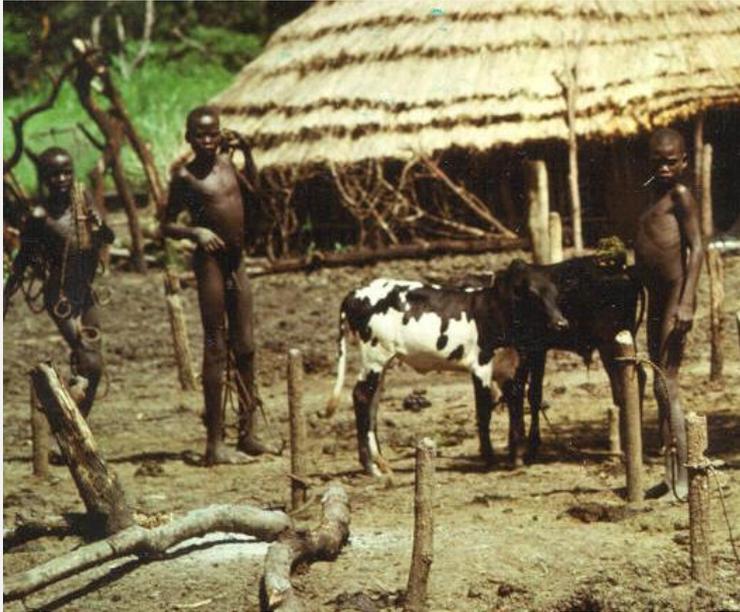
Quality and beauty of work (food and cooking, house-building, making of tools, poetry, decorations, music)











Social activities: dancing, festivities

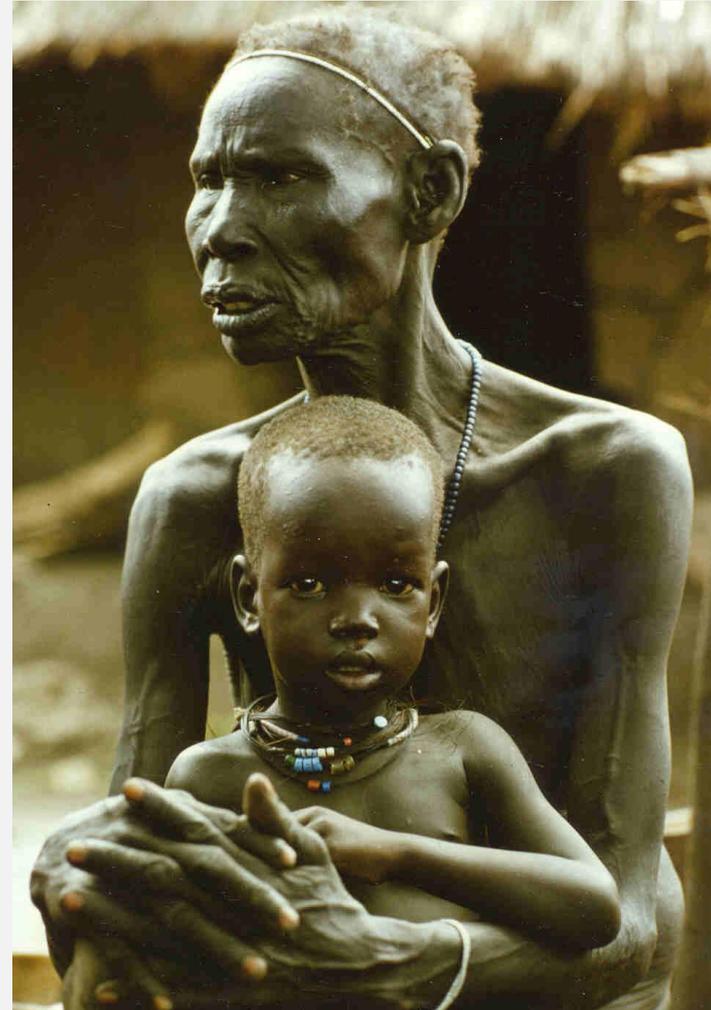


Cleanliness of the living space and the human body

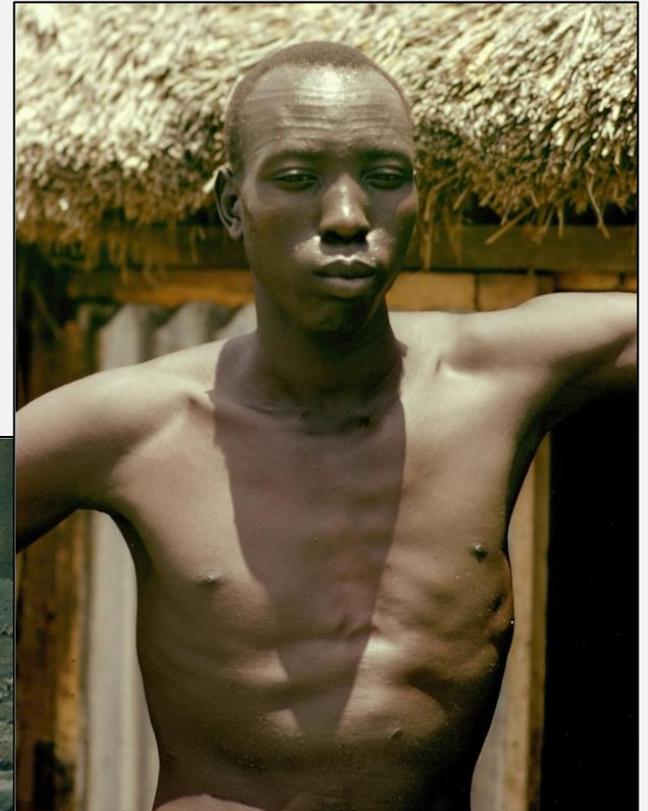
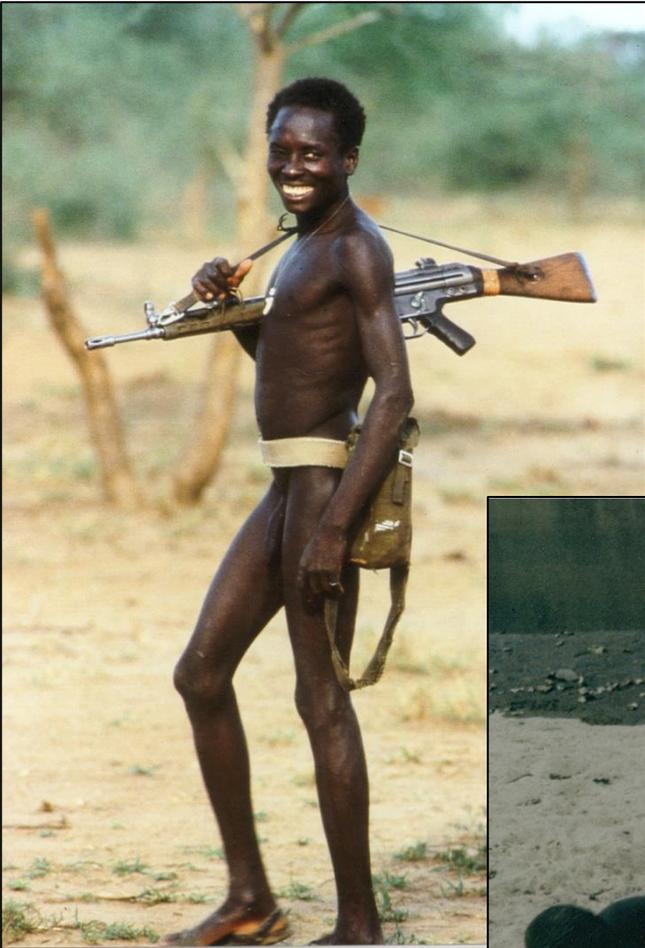


V.

The humans' spiritual space: Consciousness



Dealing with
aggressions
from the
outside



Co-existence with nature, dangerous animals and local spirits



“Protective measures against foreign matters

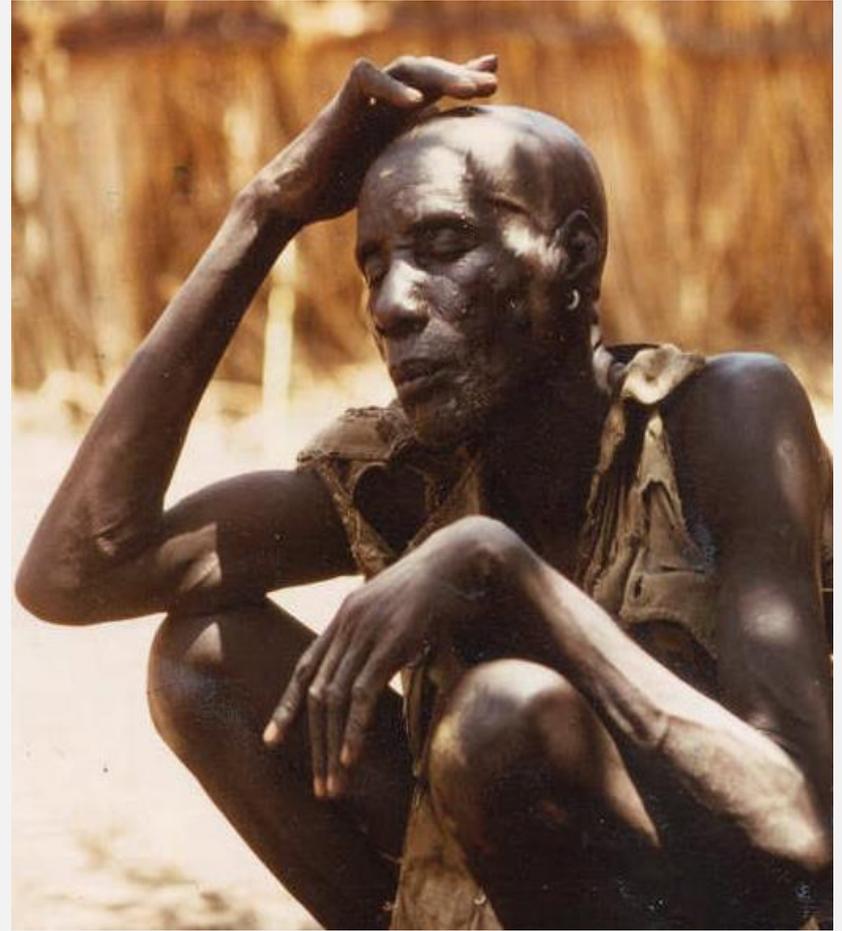
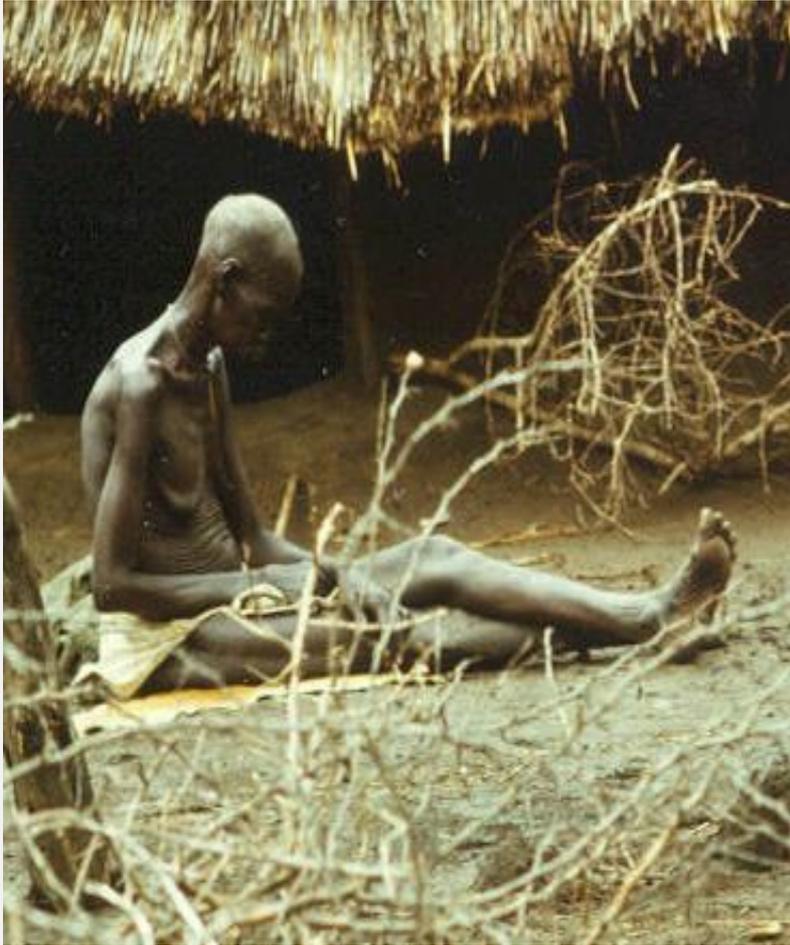


Existential threats from the inside:
Sorcerers, witches and cursing.



Who are you ?

Cursing



Threats from above (the sky, spiritual matters)



Protective measures



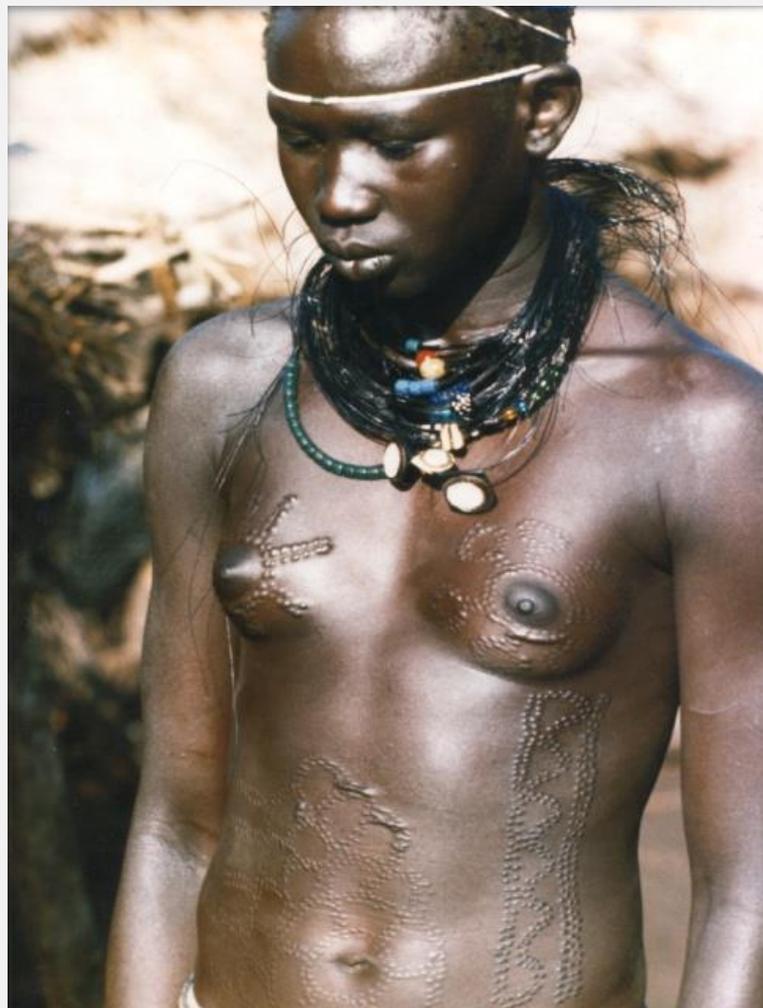
Cleansing the living space from dirty, infectuous matters

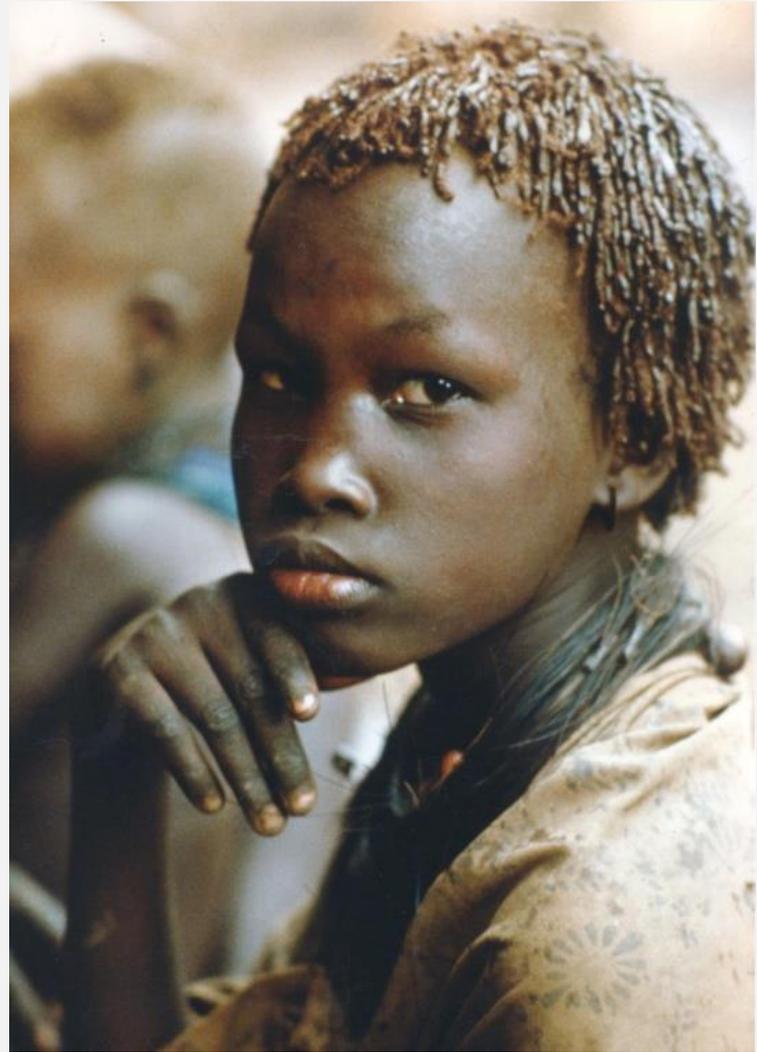
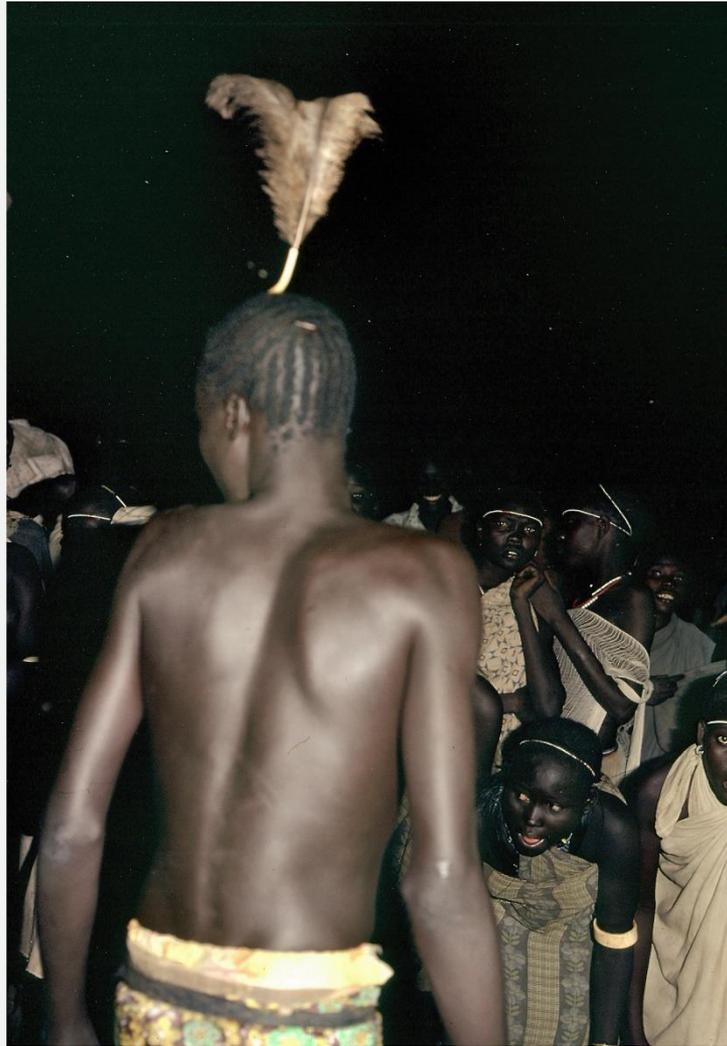


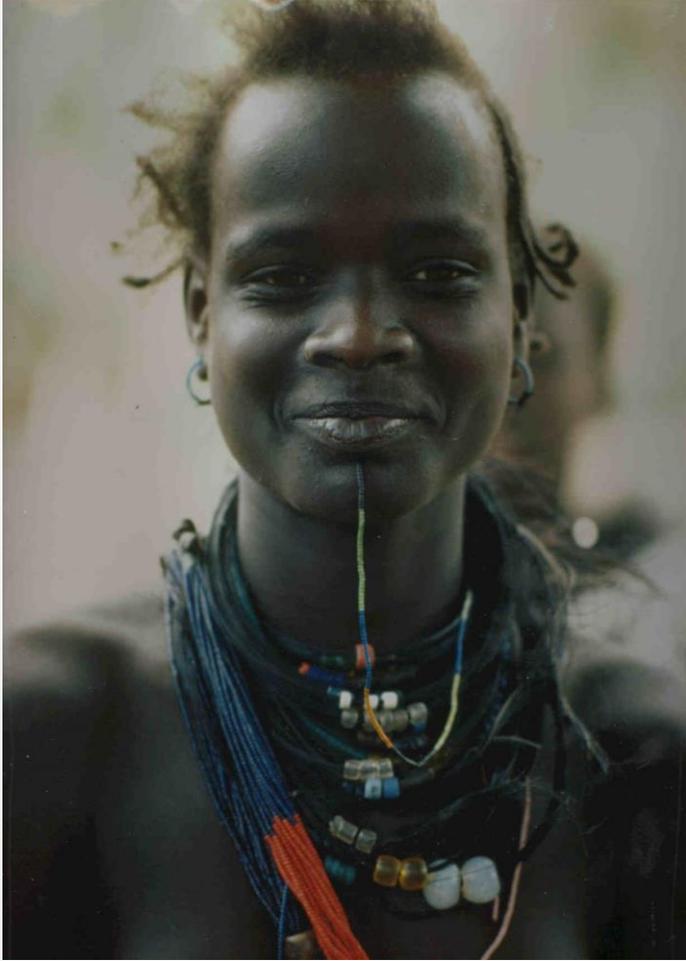


Physical protection of the human body and mind

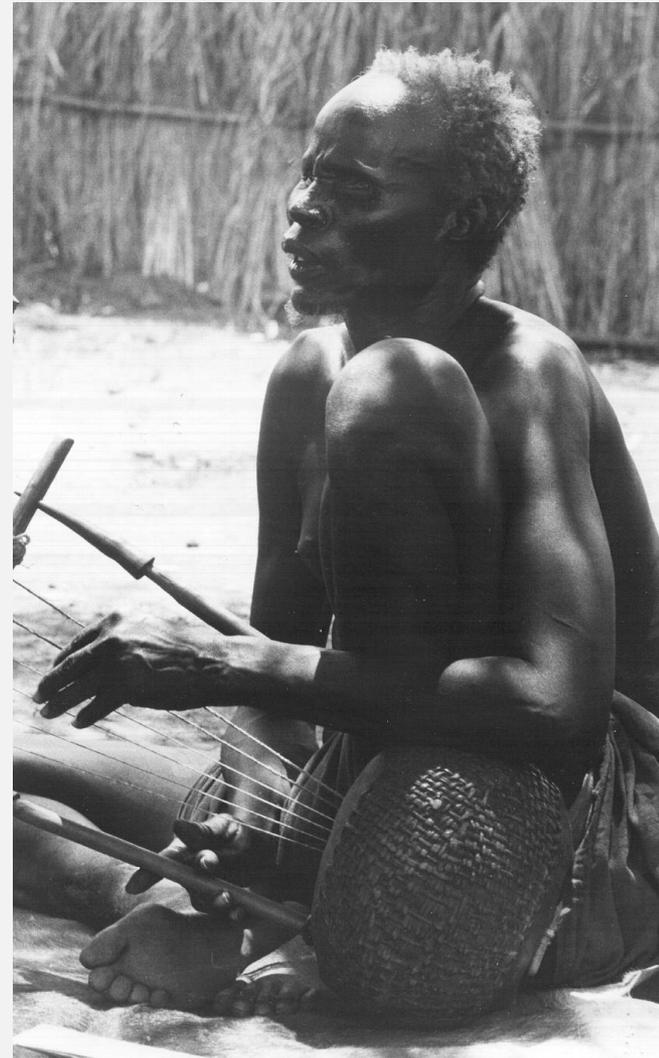
- through work on the body itself (Scarification)
- by covering the human body with objects which contrast with the transparency of pure spirituality.
 - ❖ -by providing body and mind with energy in order to keep evil matters away from a person (**"Charms,,**)
 - ❖ - by surrounding a person's body and mind (**rings**)
 - ❖ - through colours which reject and fill transparency, protect and heal (**Beads**)
 - ❖ - through natural materials which re-inforce the physical strength of the body (**Giraffe-hairs, ivory-rings, wood, bones or metals**) and manifest the earthly essence of the human person.
 - ❖ - by protecting the head (and mind) of a person from anything emanating out of the blue... (**feathers, wigs** etc.)







Protection through relentless self-awareness



Protection through preventive measures, blessing and behaviour

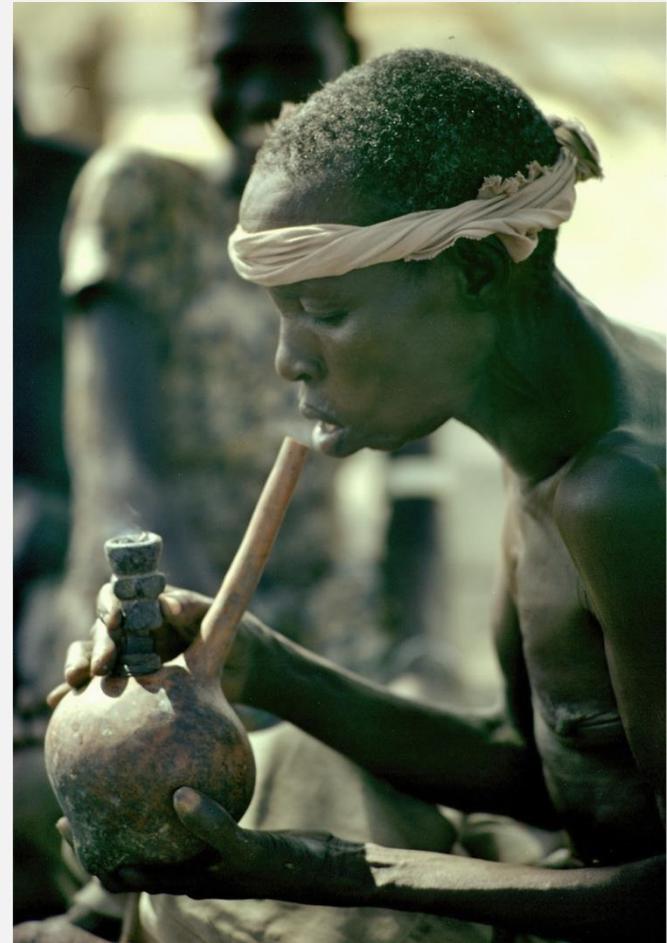




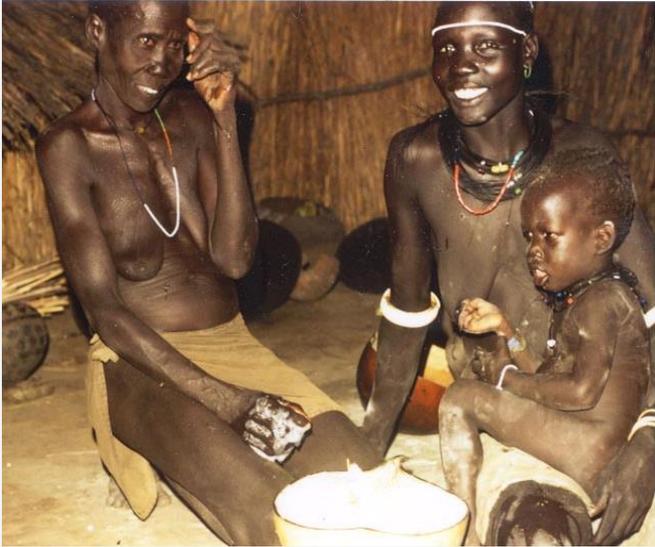
Analysing Disease and Sickness – the Anyuak diviner and „witch-doctor“



Analysing sickness by throwing leather-cards (sandals).
The information comes from the sphere of the above, the
sphere of spirituality, the sky (the sphere of Jwok)

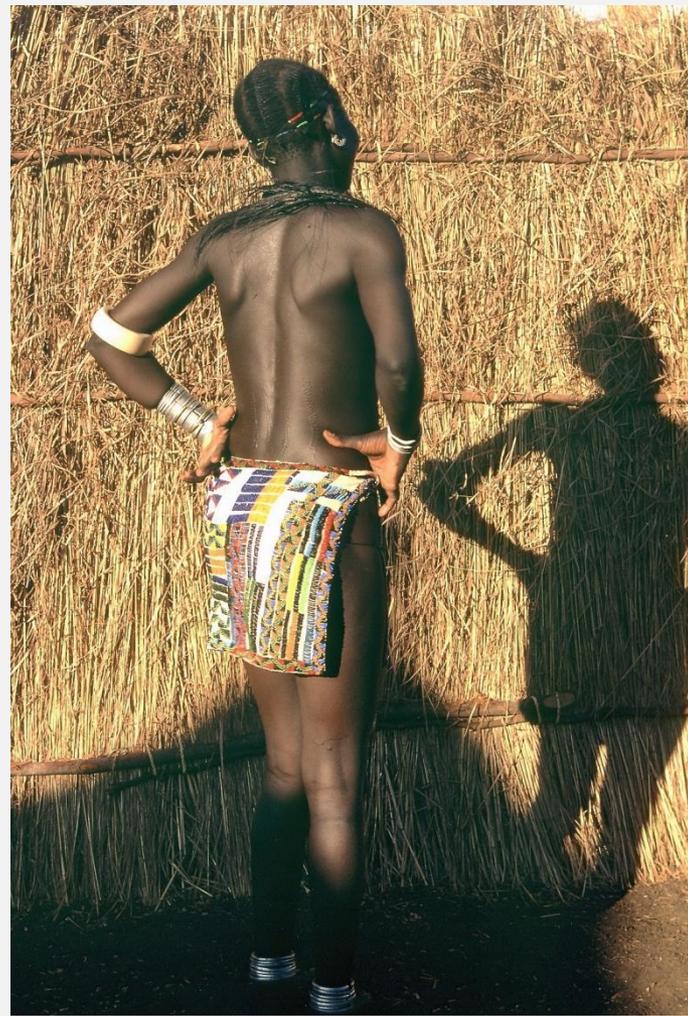
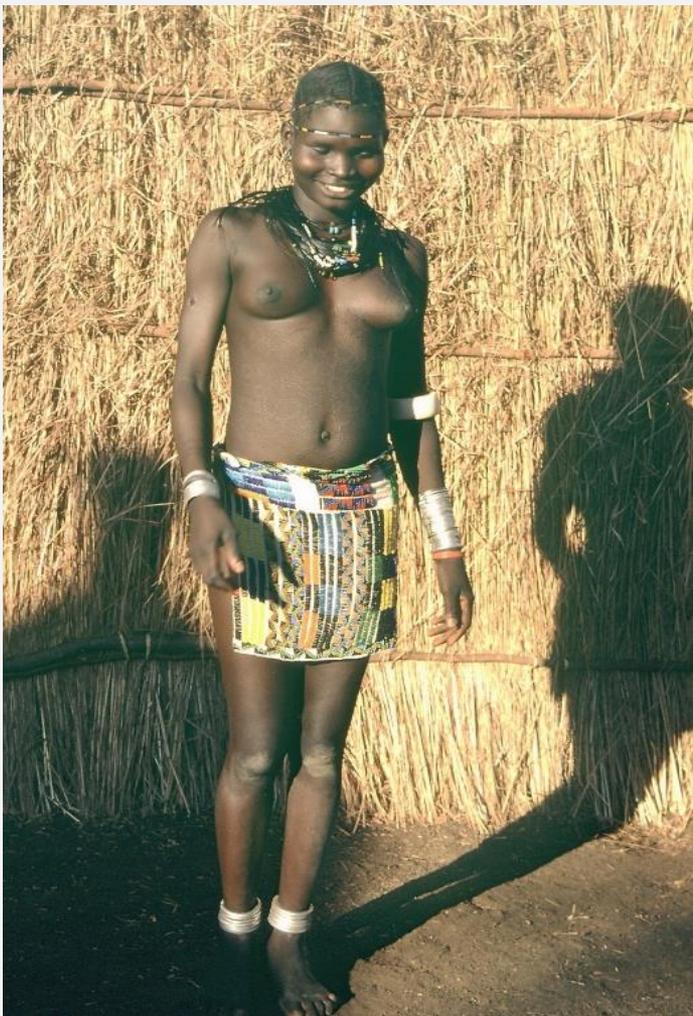


Means of healing and chasing disease



VI.

The Transparency of the Human Person



The eye, window to the outside and tool of consciousness



The space of the soul: shadow and foot-prints

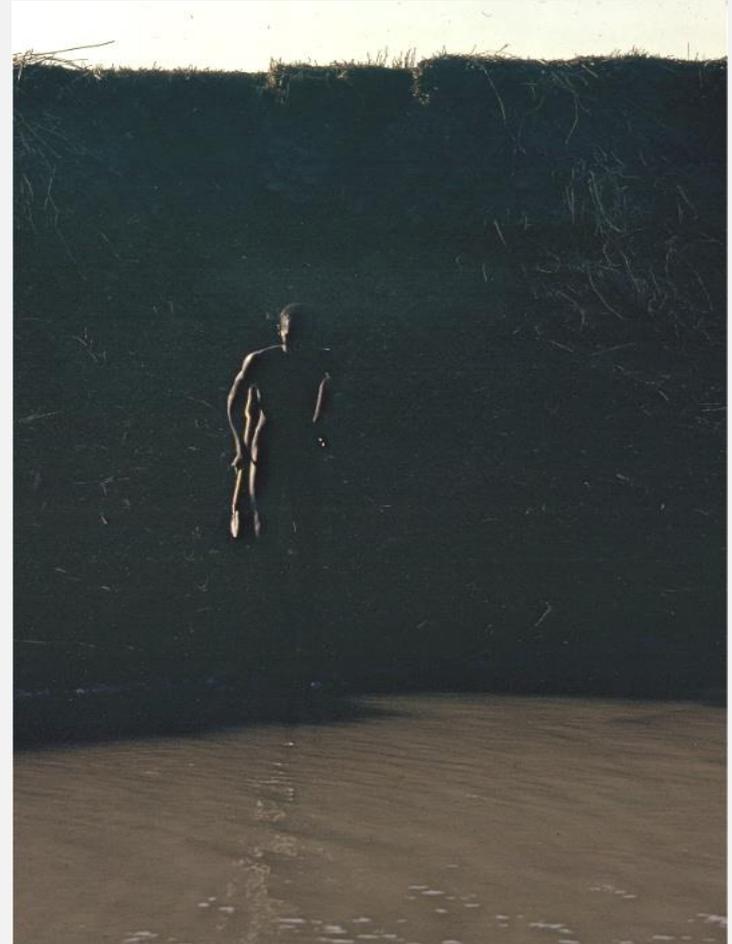


Transmission of one's soul...



VII.

A last space: Death and Eternity



How people survive after their death.

Surviving death is possible on earth....

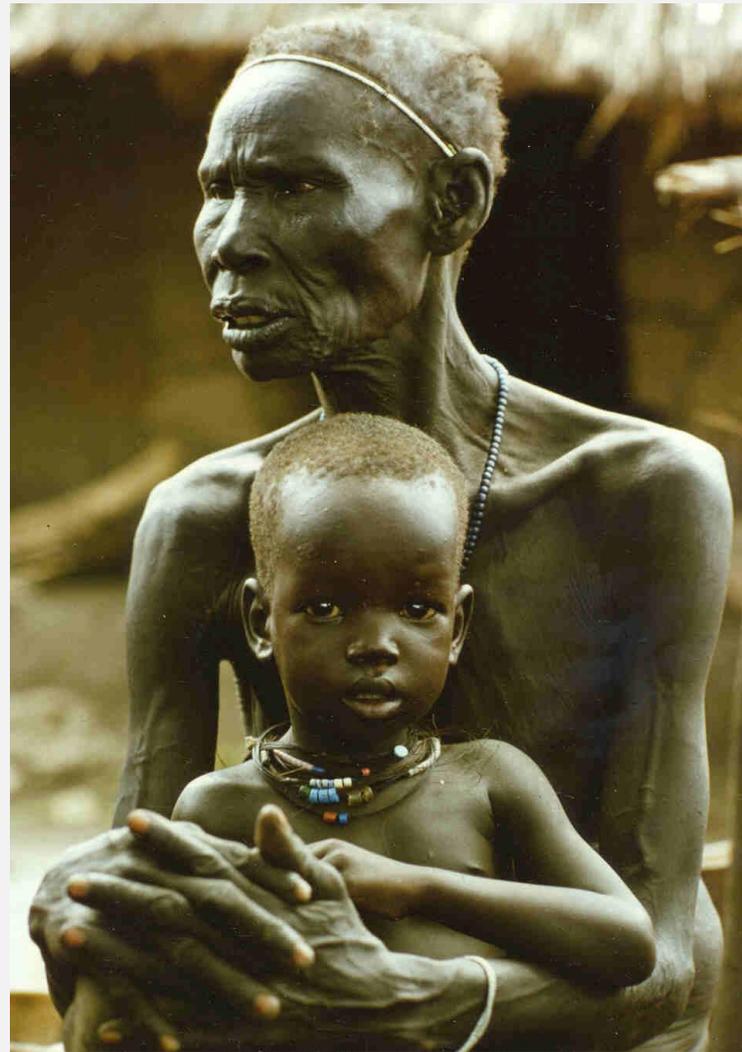


...but not in the sky...!

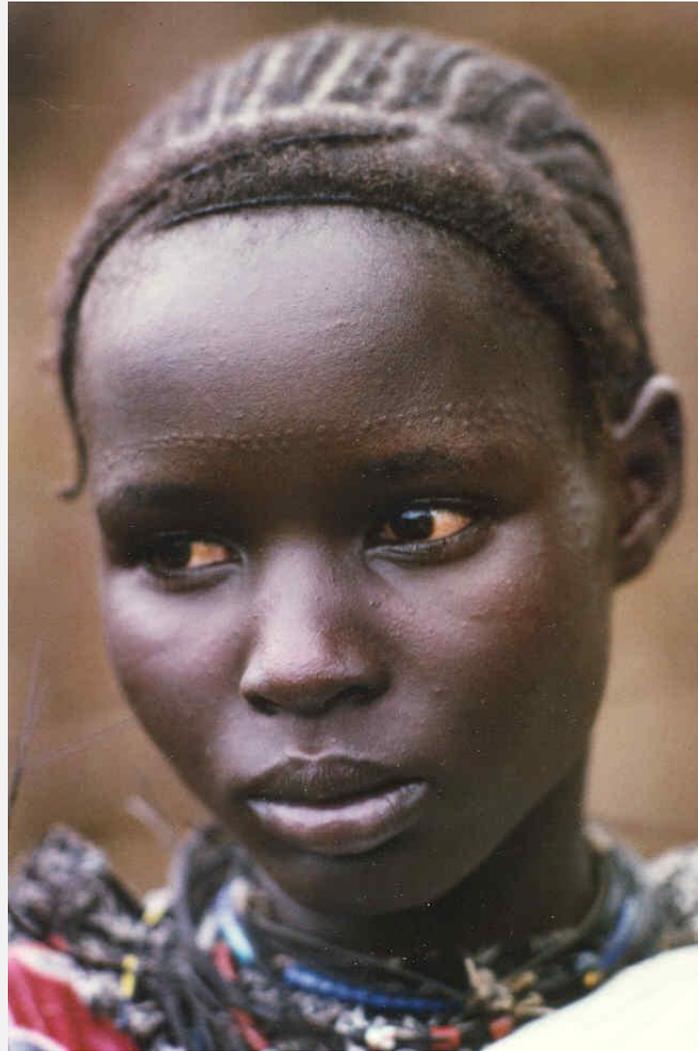
The dead ones continue to live with the people and support them.



The last room for human existence: Eternity on Earth!



VIII.
Thirty-five years later...



A difficult future: What will happen to us in this new world?

Modern Threats

- **The Boma Nationalpark**

is prohibit hunting, fishing and cattle-keeping... These are the means of subsistence for the Anyuak, the Murle and other tribes.



- **Oil-production**

is to interfere with the life of the people living in South Sudan and Ethiopia. Anyuak country is likely to be very rich in oil.

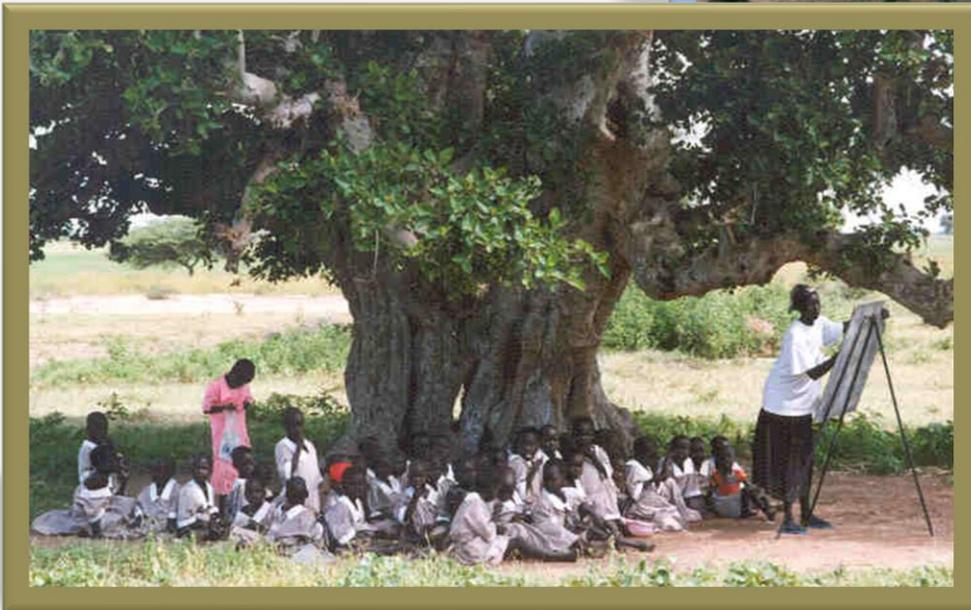
- **"Landgrabbing"**

The Ethiopian Government has concluded contracts with companies from India and Saudi-Arabia, allowing them to use Anyuak land for their agricultural projects.

The people living in those areas will be displaced and resettled.



Tribal wars with automatic weapons result in terrible bloodshed and get „out of control“..



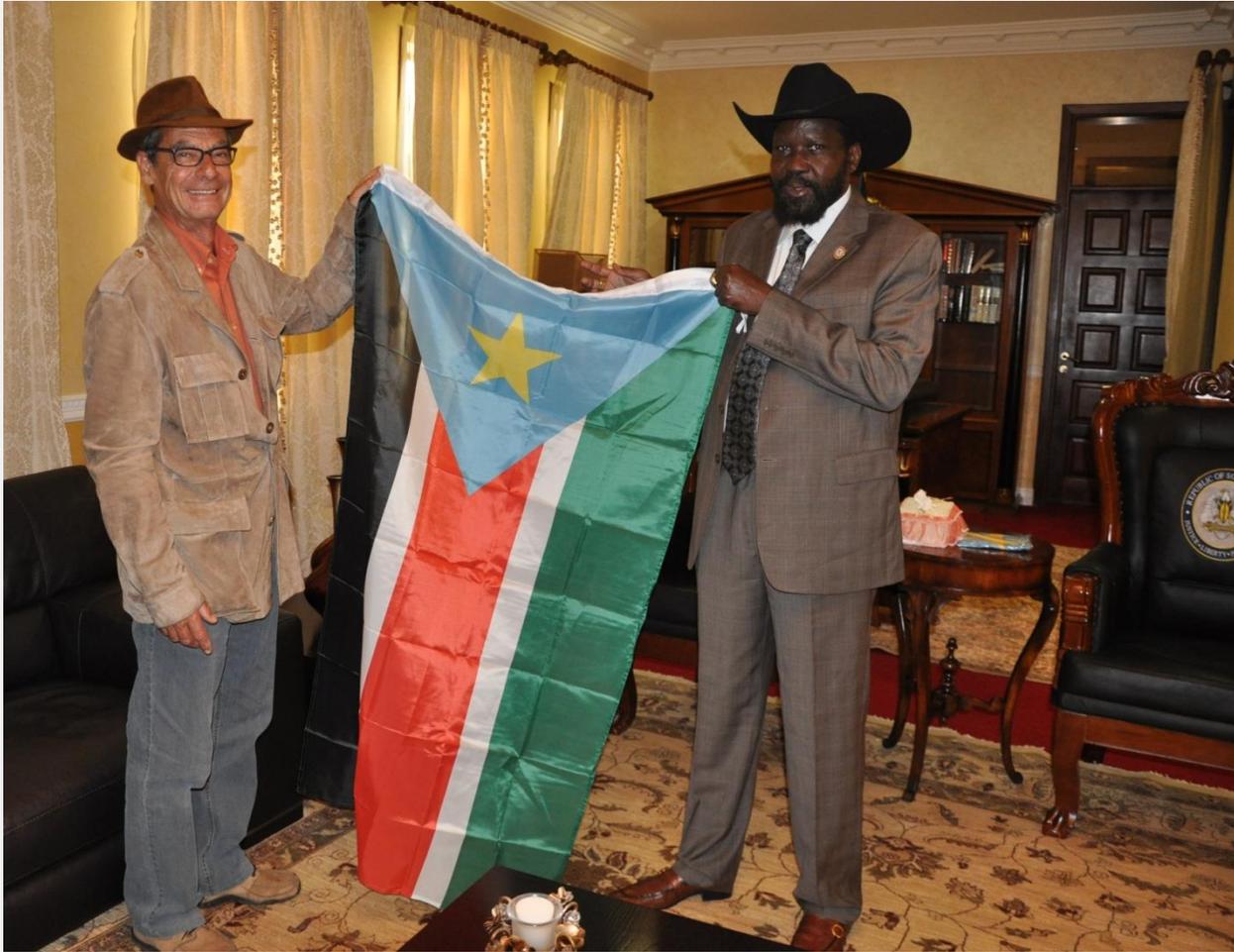
Lack of Education and Development

Lack of Facilities

Interests of Government clash with the interests of the community

Clash of authorities

Customary and „modern“ laws



Thanks for your attention and best wishes!