

Different Forms of Human Cannibalism with Reference to Chronicle Scandals - A Study on Anthropological Perspective

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Abstract

This research article throws light on one of the brutal crimes of humanity that is 'Anthropophagism' also known as Human Cannibalism, which is killing and consuming the parts, flesh and internal organs of other human being. This perversion is done by several devoured serial killers in and around the world. Cannibalism is a common biological process when it comes to animal community. They hunt, cannibalize and consume the flesh of the same species for survival. But Human beings who ought to follow the moral codes of ethic, miserably fails to uphold their fraternity and equality with their fellow beings, by indulging in this brutal acts of cannibalism. This paper focuses on all the chronicle scandals of Homicidal Human Cannibalism which is the cruelest forms of Human cannibalism. List of cannibalistic incidents of such serial killers are included in this article and all of those chronicle incidents are horror striking and it shrills the weak souls.

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Introduction

Cannibalism is an act that has been observed in humans all the way back through our evolutionary history. The human cannibalistic behavior is the act of human eating the flesh or the internal organs of other human beings (of same species). Human cannibalism is also called as Anthropophagism. This term is derived from the Greek word 'Anthropophagous' which means 'man eating'. As per the arguments of some scholars no firm evidence was declared that cannibalism has ever been a socially acceptable practice anywhere in the world or at any time in the history. The evolution of this practice dates back to Paleolithic era that it was more common in that society. Historically numerous tribal societies have engaged in cannibalism. During the siege of Ma'arra and the great famine of (1315-1317) was marked with extreme levels of indulgence of cannibalistic practice. In 19th century in some part of Melanesia, flesh market existed and they practiced the act of human cannibalism. In some societies, especially tribal, this practice is a cultural norm. Archaeologically and genetically it has been practiced for thousands of years. In twentieth and twenty-first centuries, this act is being considered as a criminal offense and war crimes. In West Africa, the Leopard society follows the cannibalistic secret

culture. They would dress in Leopard skins to disguise themselves as animal community in order to escape from the suspect of cops and they attack the travellers with sharp claw like weapons.

The victims' flesh was cut from their bodies by leaving only their bones so that they would not be doubted and all of the fleshes were distributed to the members of their society. Material from Bureau of American Ethnology claims that the practice of Human Cannibalism existed in North America. This kind of immorality practiced by the human community is a grief striking behavior and offensive too. Such practice results a tragic consequence in the lives of all the victims who had been sieged, murdered and cannibalized mercilessly with no reasons. This vulgarity spreads among the modern community like a usual practice. Increase in number of cannibals and cannibalism would definitely lead to decrease in population and humanity will be degraded.

Forms of Human Cannibalism

2.1 Ritualistic Cannibalism

Ritual Cannibalism is consumption of flesh of dead bodies which claim to provoke overpowering and can be transformed literally symbolically into ritual gifts and also

for spiritual thirsts. 'Gimi' tribes often use to perform ritualistic cannibalism which is primarily a female oriented ritual whereby women eat the bodies of their own children, husbands and parents. Similarly the 'Wari' tribes ritualistically cut bodies into small pieces roast them and distribute among their tribal community. By doing so they believed that it contributes to their own strength and they even teach this devouring habit to their community children and pass on to the next generation. The 'Aghoris', tribal community who are a striking modern example who performs ritual cannibalism which commonly occurs among a Hindu sect of India who believe that such rituals leads them to a direct pathway to God.

2.2 Endo-Cannibalism

Endo-cannibalism is the practice of eating the flesh of a human being from the same community such as tribes, social group, and community. Cultures known for Endo-cannibalism are 'Junkun' tribal people of Africa, 'Fore' tribal people of Oceania, 'Amahuaca' tribe community people of South America and so on. They practice it within the community and if other community people happen to enter their community circle they would cannibalize them without any reasons.

2.3 Exo-Cannibalism

The word 'Exo' is a Greek word meaning 'Outside'. As opposite to Endo-Cannibalism, it is the Consumption of flesh outside one's social group, for example, eating one's enemy. Usually the warriors or soldiers when they happen to kill their rivals, their bodies were eaten by the rivals to show their victory over them.

2.4 Necro Cannibalism

This type of cannibalism refers to the eating of the corpse of someone who is already dead. The survivors of the shipwrecks of the Essex and Medusa in the nineteenth century are said to have engaged in Necro Cannibalism.

2.5 Mortuary or Funerary Cannibalism

This form is considered to be 'Transumption'. The term Transumption has been used to describe the eating of dead bodies. It is the Mortuary practice of consumption of the dead bodies and incorporation of the body of the dead person into the body of the living relatives, thus helping to free the spirit of the dead. This practice had deep

significance for the 'Fore' sector of people and their neighbors.

2.6 Filial Cannibalism

Filial cannibalism is the act of consuming the flesh or organs of the new born infants. It is believed that by eating the infants they would become very strong in sexuality. A finest example of this form is the Chinese people who have been eating infant babies in an attempt to improve their health and beauty. A weekly publication from Hong Kong, The Next Magazine, is reporting that infant fetuses have become a popular health and beauty supplement in China. Chinese people believe that they can renew their sexual hormones. People lose their humanity and practice such kind of unlawful act by aborting and killing the young infants mercilessly. In order to get sexual gratification people even tend to kill their own children and consume their infant's tender parts of their body like any beasts of animal community. Such brutal act makes people to lose their sense of reasoning and humane quality.

2.7 Homicidal Cannibalism

This conceptual analysis focuses on the greatest transgression of human community which is Homicidal Cannibalism. It is killing and consuming the flesh and organs of another human being. This practice not only haunts the weak hearts but it spreads a dangerous culture which endangers the entire survival of human existence. This culture existed in America from 'Akoisa' tribe in which they connect to their religious beliefs. When Simars de Bellisle was tragically caught and captured by tribal people, in a shipwreck. He observed the feast of cannibal and witnessed its malicious practice. His diary was the first hand account of these natives practicing homicidal cannibalism.

After the twentieth century, the cases of homicidal cannibalism increased in range because of its impact of attention and curiosity. In the present scenario, the reports of the cases of the cannibals utter the crime indifferently which could not be digested. There is a list of crimes of Homicidal cannibalism which occurred in post modern civilized era, gives life threatening impulses in day to day life.

On 9th July 2011, a model in the Leningrad region of Russia drowned her colleague and consumed her parts of the corpse. She was later detained, found guilty of murder,

sent to a psychiatric hospital for treatment, where she was diagnosed with schizophrenia (4th October 2012). On 13th April 2012, a Japanese man named Mao Sugiyama, cut off his genitals, cooked it and served to five people. Each of the diners paid 250 dollars per portion. (The Huffington post. 24th May 2012)

In July 2013 Lino Renzi, aged 45, was found while cooking some remains of his mother, Maria Pia Guariglia, aged 73, in his apartment by the police. They were called by a neighbor after smelling a disgusting odor coming from Renzi's apartment, probably caused by some intestine chunks burning on the grill. Moreover the cops discovered several pieces of human body in refrigerator, oven and pots, while most of the Corpse lying in the bathroom, featured severe mutilation to bathroom, legs, besides several intestine pieces removed. Later on Renzi confessed the truth that his mother had not died of natural causes but had been brutally beaten to death by him after a quarrel, and then dismembered into pieces with the saw and a butcher knife. (New York daily news. 2013.07.24)

On 16 August 2016, Florida State University student Austin Harrouff brutally stabbed a couple named, Michelle Mishcon and John Stevens in their garage. He started eating their faces before being arrested by Deputies for indulging in Cannibalism. Unfortunately, the deputies could not rescue and save them. Similarly in 2017, a crew of cannibals was arrested by the police and tried in South Africa. They later confessed their brutal cannibalistic acts.

3. Conclusion

These concepts of different forms of cannibalism are widespread among the human community and increasingly people are found addicted to the extreme level. When people takes up this kind of practice and spread it to other offenders of human circle, then it gives a question even for the existence and survival of human community in the future generations. Offenders are never been suspected for a long time until there were a high fatal consequences.

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