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Mr. du Plessis has written an extremely eloquent thesis that offers an in-depth deconstruction of the term “homosexuality” in the African context. Calling upon Foucault and a number of theorists that have written about same-sex practices, he provides a critical analysis of the claim that homosexuality is “un-African.”

One of the most remarkable aspects of this thesis is the level of reflexivity, with regard to both methodology and theoretical orientation. Mr. de Plessis subjects both to a high level of scrutiny. His self-awareness was, in fact, a large part of the journey through the thesis-preparation process.

The formal organization of the thesis is excellent, with tight, lucid chapters that detail the theory, methodology and analytical arguments logically and coherently. Chapter 2, the theory and literature review, along with the analytical chapters, deserve special mention.

Our working relationship throughout was fruitful and professional, and at the same time very enjoyable. I have rarely seen a student dedicate so much effort into producing a top-quality thesis.

In sum, this Master’s thesis has all fulfilled the necessary requirements, and I suggest a grade of “A.”

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