Cause and Effect in Terms of Culture

As per me, culture is a shaping force that makes human beings adapt to things they are already used to, such as beliefs, food, and educational aspects. To begin with, the movie conveys how difficult it is for people to get rid of their accustomed culture and how they often feel they have no choice. The movie reflects how cause and effect change people's manners, especially in their behavior toward those who do not share the same culture.

For instance, in the film, the school director is portrayed as an arrogant person since he does not care about the education of the children and lacks kindness toward teachers who try to help them. I believe the reason he differs from the other teacher, who is kind and well-educated, is that his upbringing was different. He was raised to be a brutal ruler rather than a caring teacher, whereas the other teacher comes from a culture in which he is not only well educated but also has the qualities needed to treat people with respect. These differences that I noticed in the film shape the characters in both negative and positive ways.

Firstly, if a decent character spreads knowledge shaped by his culture, someone from an opposing culture can get rid of being stuck in a narrow mindset when they realize that there are positive aspects in another culture that they were not aware of before. As a result, they can embrace a new perspective instead of remaining trapped in familiar ideas. For example, in the film, both the students and the director share the same cultural background, as they were born and raised in the same place. However, the director prevents children from changing their behavior by insisting on punishment whenever they do something wrong at school. When students are educated in such a brutal way, they cannot judge whether the punishment fits their actions or not.

When they encounter another cultural perspective, they clearly see the difference between their harmful actions and what good behavior truly is. When the other teacher realizes that the students were educated harshly, he tries to change their outlook on life by lifting the curtain that the director had placed over their minds. In my opinion, both the director and the other teacher represent different cultures, and they both have a strong influence on the children's lives. When the children are exposed to both paths, they choose one to embrace once they remove their blinders.

I believe, based on the film, that there should not be only one dominant culture in a society where people blindly accept beliefs without questioning whether they are right or wrong. Relying on a single culture can limit thinking and trap individuals in a narrow mental path filled with obstacles. However, the presence of other cultures in society can help people find new ways forward by guiding them toward alternative paths. What I mean is that new opinions brought by diverse people can open doors to experiences and ideas that one has never encountered before.