IFA IWA (Lesson 13) *Òṣé Ifá* Ritual: *Afóṣé* Pt II - The Five Responses

Greetings: *Oritre fun owo!* (Good Tidings to you!)

I pray that you are feeling awake, aware, and elevated in mind, body, and spirit wherever you are, and whatever may be happening around you!

A<u>se</u>! A<u>se</u>! A<u>se</u> o!

I am Baba Umar, *Oluranse Emese*, (Voice of the *Emese*), Member of the *Isoro* Traditional Council of Chiefs, *Oluwo* of the House of Umar, and *Babalawo* of *Ile Awo Ori<u>s</u>a*. This Ile (Spiritual House), our website, and these video lessons are certified and sanctioned by the Isoro Traditional Council of Chiefs in Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

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Homage to the One Who Sends, and to those who are sent! Homage to *Orisa* and *Egun*!

Our Topic for this lesson is: *Òsé Ifa* **Ritual**: *Afósé* (Divination) Pt II - The Five Responses

The Five Responses

ALAFIA - 4/0 (open or up/closed or down) (Ire)

Implications:

- Peace
- Good Health
- Auspiciousness, favorable, conducive to success
- All energies are open
- Everything is flowing
- Urges one to move forward
- Stay focused and centered

However: Cautions

- Openness may lead to instability
- Be aware of being fickle
- Being too focused can be limiting
- Be prepared for disruption

Associated Spiritual Entities / Energies:

- *Òrìṣà Ọbàtálá* ori, peace, purity, balance
- *Òrìṣà Ṣàngó* boldness, fortitude, courage
- *Òrìsà Òrúnmìlà wisdom, fate, destiny*

ETAWA - 3/1 (**Ire**)

Implications:

- Struggle (towards) Harmony
- Uncertainty
- An element of contraction (*Isoki*)
- A seed of doubt
- Something may be hidden
- Sharpen one's perception
- One may lack resources

However: Cautions

- Stay aware & be prepared
- You may cast again to be sure

Associated Spiritual Entities / Energies:

- Òrìṣà Aganyu violence, strength, drastic change
- *Òrisà Sàngó* boldness, fortitude, courage
- Òrìsà Èsù choice, chance, change, crossroads
- Òrìsà Ògún strength, good character, protection, truth

EJIFE - 2/2 (**Ire**)

Implications:

- Balance, Certainty, Auspiciousness
- Balance & Stability
- Grounded Energies
- Maintains Vitality
- Balance between Light & Dark
- Definite & Confidence

However: Cautions

- The way is not always straight
- Your choices along the way matter

Associated Spiritual Entities / Energies:

- *Òrìsà Ibeji* twins, dual, *messenger of Sàngó*
- *Òrìsà Yemoja* maternal, feminine, female power, meditation, trance
- *Òrìṣà Èṣù* choice, chance, change, crossroads
- *Òrìsà Òsun* community, magic, emotions, love
- *Òrìṣà Ọbàtálá* ori, peace, purity, balance

OKANNA - 1/3 (**Ibi**)

Implications:

- Attentiveness
- Caution
- Blockages
- Contracting Energies (*Isoki*)
- Faint light along the path
- Shutting down or waning energies
- Significant struggles could be present
- Lack of commitment

However: Cautions

- Be aware of Obstacles
- Anticipate Danger
- May require the application of Effort & Dedication
- Be Alert, Aware, Discerning

Associated Spiritual Entities / Energies:

- Òrìsà Qya feminine power, conflict, death, life
- Iku death, life, danger, caution
- *Òrìsà Sàngó* boldness, fortitude, courage
- *Òrìsà Èsù* choice, chance, change, crossroads
- *Egún* legacy, purpose, support, lineage, responsibilities

OYEKUN - 0/4 (**Ibi**)

- Unknowableness
- Protection or Blockages
- Unseen Forces are at play
- Potential Damaging Elements
- Unknown Obstruction
- Veil of Darkness
- May be a Growth Opportunity

However: Cautions

- Stay aware & Be Prepared
- One may ask **Babaláwo** for Clarity

Associated Spiritual Entities / Energies:

- *Òrìṣà Oko -* sorcery, search, shadow, Irunmole, growth, self-care
- *Òrìṣà Aganyu* violence, strength, drastic change
- *Iku* death, life, danger, caution
- *Òrìsà Odua* progenitor of the Yoruba
- *Òrìṣà Olokun* secrets, unknown, danger, opportunity, darkness, subconscious
- *Òrìṣà Babaluaiye (Soponno)* danger, sickness, disease, death, suffering, abundance
- *Egún* legacy, purpose, support, lineage, responsibilities

In order to explore even deeper into your \dot{Q} \dot

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Ise <u>Olorun Tobi!</u>
God's Work is Great and Mighty!
Ase! Ase o!

Ki Olodumare, Ori<u>s</u>a, ati Egun fifun e ni Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!

My *Olodumare, Orisa*, and Ancestors bestow on you Guidance, Wisdom, and Abundant Blessings!

Ifokanbole! Peace of Mind from Olodumare! *Ajolo! Ajobo!* We go out together! We return together! *Ase! Ase o!*

(See Video Lesson 13 for detailed discussion.)