

Ifá Iwa (Lesson 14) **Ọṣẹ Ifá** Ritual: **Afọṣẹ - Ọgbón Irònu Ifá** (The Logic of **Ifá**)

Greetings: **Oriire 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!

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I am **Baba Umar, Oluranse Emese**, (Voice of the Emese), Member of the **Isoro** Traditional Council of Chiefs, **Olúwo** of the House of Umar, and **Babaláwo** of **Ile Awo Ọrìṣà**. This **Ile** (Spiritual House), our website, and these video lessons are 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 **Ọrìṣà** and **Egun!**

Our topic in this video is: **Ọṣẹ Ifá** Ritual: **Afọṣẹ - Ọgbón Irònu Ifá** (The Logic of **Ifá**)

The Cosmology or Logic of **Odù Ifá**

It is the interplay between the 16 **Oju** (Major / Principal) **Odù** that brings the **Amulu Odù**, the 240 Minor **Odù Ifá**, into existence.

Each leg of your **Ọṣẹ Ifá Odù** is characterized by:

- the answer it brings (yes, no, conditional)
 - the form (or signature) the cowries take/make to bring the answer
 - whether it is the right or left leg (your first or second question)
 - whether the energy of each leg is **ire** (on path, positive, in good fortune) or **ibi** (off-path, negative, in bad fortune).
 - whether the energy of your Sacred **Odù** as a whole is **ire** or **ibi**.
 - where it falls in the cosmological framework of **Ifá Afọṣẹ**.
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- When **Orí** and **Egbe (Orí Ode)** are in alignment, we say **Iré**; they are in harmony and the potential to manifest your destiny increases. We often refer to this as being **"On Path."**

- When **Orí** and **Egbe** are NOT in alignment, we say **Ibi** (also known as **Osogbo**) and manifesting your potential diminishes. We often refer to this as being “**Off Path.**”

The interpretation or definition or explanation of **Iré** and **Ibi** are not universal among all **Babaláwos** and lineages. For example, my chief mentor on the **Isoro** Traditional Council of Chiefs, **Alatunse Awo** (Moderator of all Babalawos worldwide), **Baba Chief Ayobamidele Adelekan** takes **Ibi** to mean simply that ‘more investigation is needed’.

In the House of Umar, we tend not to refer to **Iré** as “good fortune” or **Ibi** as “bad luck” or “bad fortune” as these are an oversimplification. What we are trying to understand or resolve when we consult is the tension between our **Orí Inu** and our **Orí Ode**, between **what we need** (in order to move forward towards our chosen destiny) and **what we want** (that we perceive will give us some worldly satisfaction but that might very well lead us in the wrong direction towards some hardship).

So, to be more accurate and precise in **Ile Awo Òrìṣà**, in our interpretation of **Iré** and **Ibi** we say:

- When **Iré** (blessings, **na** - expand, **itẹlọ** - expansion), there’s a “strong alignment to manifest the potential in the area that it highlights.”
- When **Ibi** (obstruction, **isọki** - contraction), there’s resistance to change; misplaced energy or effort; being in the wrong place and time; a missed opportunity; denial of what is happening now, a limiting or limited perception of reality.

Each leg of your **Odù** will fall into one of four cosmological quadrants:

Note: the word **Opon** refers to the **Ifá** divining tray.

- **Otun-opon** - east, light, positive, masculine, fire
- **Osi-opon** - west, darkness, negative, feminine, water
- **Ori-opon** - north, heaven, masculine, positive, spirit
- **Ese-opon** - south, earth, feminine, negative

The **Odù** and quadrant correspondence will be shown and discussed in the next lesson.

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**Ki Olódùmarè, Òrìṣà, ati Egun fifun e ni
Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!**

My **Olódùmarè**, **Òrìṣà**, and **Egun** bestow on you
Guidance, Wisdom, and Abundant Blessings!

Ifokanbole! Peace of Mind from **Olódùmarè!**

Ajolo Ajobo! We go out together; We return together!

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