

Ifá Iwa (Lesson 15) **Ọ̀ṣẹ́ Ifá** Ritual: **Afóṣẹ́** Pt III.
Oju Odù (1)

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!

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!

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Homage to The One Who Sends, and to those who are sent!
Homage to **Ọ̀rìṣà** and **Egun!**

Our topic in this video is: **Ọ̀ṣẹ́ Ifá** Ritual: **Afóṣẹ́** Pt III. **Oju Odù** (1)

Each of the 256 **Odù Ifá** has its own name and its own signature. The signatures of the **Odùs** are based on a binary mathematical system that pervades the African Worldview across the entire cultural landscape of the Motherland. Our ancestors recognized this binary characteristic of nature as they observed its presence everywhere around them.

- Day contrasting with night
- Heaven contrasting with earth
- External contrasting with internal
- Hot contrasting with cold
- Dry contrasting with moist
- Masculine contrasting with Feminine
- Superficial contrasting with deep
- Individual contrasting with Indivisible
- Rest contrasting with motion
- Contraction contrasting with expansion

This binary system makes each signature of the **Odù Ifá** as unique as your and my personal signatures. You can review our earlier lessons in this series to refresh your memory about the binary system of **Odù Ifá**.

The first step in entering into the world or cosmology of the Sacred **Odù Ifá** and the cultural mindset or perspective of our ancestors is to recognize these unique signatures. That process begins with the names and signatures of the **principle, primary, or major Odùs** called **Oju Odù**.

In these next few lessons, I will present these **Odùs** in sets of four (4) for ease of study and memorization. For each **Odù** I will present its:

- Name
- Cosmological quadrant
- Esoteric or metaphysical correspondences
- A very brief summary of the content character, quality or energy of the message of the **Odù**

(1) **Èjì Ogbè / Ogbè Méjì** - (*Otun-opon* - east, light, positive, masculine, fire).

Plenty of good and plenty of evil. Speaks of **light, good general health and welfare, victory** over enemies, **spiritual awakening, long life,** and **peace of mind.**

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(2) **Òyèkú Méjì - Òyèkúméjì** - (*Osi-opon* - west, darkness, negative, feminine, water.)

Death & all other evil will disappear. Signifies **darkness** and **unhappiness** and warns of death, **sickness, worries,** and a **bad omen;** Yet also carries with it the **solution to all those problems.**

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(3) **Ìwòrì Méjì - Ìwòrìméjì** - (*Ori-opon* - north, heaven, masculine, positive, spirit.)

Enemies are around; **heritage** is lost, stolen or taken. Speaks of people gifted with the ability to see things in their true perspective. Indicates people who receive messages through **dreams;** **clear vision;** those who may be born to be **diviners** or **spiritualists.**

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(4) *Ìdí Méjì / Idiméjì / Odí Méjì / OdíMéjì* - (*Ese-opon* - south, earth, feminine, negative.)

Evil is close. Speaks of people who have **secret enemies** or **bad dreams** most of the time. All birth is **re-birth** in a theology containing the idea of **reincarnation** (*atunwa*). Within *Odí Méjì* we find the saying, "*Okansoso ewon kiike*", "A single link never breaks."

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In our next lesson we will discuss the signature of the next four (5-8) of the *Oju Odù*.

*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!
Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!