

Ifá Iwa (Lesson 19) **Ọ̀ṣẹ́ Ifá Ritual: Afóṣẹ́**

Pt III. **Oju Odù** (5) Groupings

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!

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 Ọ̀rìṣà**. This **Ile** (Spiritual House), our website, and these video lessons are sanctioned by the **Isoro** Traditional Council of Chiefs in **Ile-Ife, Nigeria**.

Opo Ire (abundant blessings) to our **Egbé**, our online community of Subscribers that continues to grow thanks to you. Thank you for joining us for another lesson in our Video Blog Series. Remember, as a member of our **YouTube Egbé** you can support each other's spiritual journey by posting your questions and uplifting comments in the comment section below. You can also email me using the link in the description section below if you need to connect on a more personal matter.

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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** (Pt. 5) Groupings

Right now, you have access to all the information you need to be performing your **Ọ̀ṣẹ́ Ifá Ritual** every four days, that is on the first day of each week of the 4-day **Ifá** Calendar. Remember, the 4-day week goes, in order, **Ọ̀ṣẹ́, Awo, Ọ̀gún, Jakuta**; and then repeats **Ọ̀ṣẹ́, Awo, Ọ̀gún, Jakuta**. On every **Ojo Ọ̀ṣẹ́** you will perform the **Ọ̀ṣẹ́ Ifá Ritual**. These last few lessons in the **Ifá Iwa** Lessons Series are to give you a little more insight into the characteristics of the Sacred **Odù**.

Think about all you have learned over the past year. I've provided you with an abundance of wisdom to put your regular **Ifá** Practice in place. Some of you may have told yourself you did not have the time to study as much as these lessons required of you. And without being judgmental or critical, let's face it, a few of you may just not have been willing to put in the work that is necessary to deep dive into the wisdom and practice of the **Ifá** Spiritual Tradition of **Ọ̀rìṣà** and Ancestor Worship. But hopefully most of you have been diligent and persistent in your studies, and as we approach the last few lessons in this online course, you should feel good about yourself because you have met the challenge and accomplished a great deal.

Think about the wisdom that has been freely shared and placed at your fingertips: You have been given access to:

- The general concepts about *Ifá Iwa*, *Ifá* Practice
- Understanding *Adura* (prayer)
- Understanding *Isha'ro* (meditation)
- Understanding *Afóṣé* (*Ifá* divination and how to cast your *Obi*)
- Understanding *Èbò* (how to make offerings to your Ancestors and the *Òrìṣà*)
- How to prepare a sacred space for your spiritual practice
- How to salute your sacred space, the Gatekeeper (*Èṣù*), and your Ancestors
- You have learned several prayers
- You've meditated for 16 minutes on a regular basis for the *Óṣé Ifá* ritual and learned how to download guidance from the spiritual realm
- You've learned a great deal about the wisdom of the Sacred *Odù Ifá*, their unique signatures, and how to understand and interpret them

By now, if you have been serious about wanting to live your life with the support of the *Ifá* Tradition, you should be performing the *Óṣé Ifá* ritual every four days, and you should have a growing sense of relationship and connection between yourself and your ancestors, the *Òrìṣà*, and the *Irunmale* (the Immortals), the Spiritual entities that sustain the Divine Matrix of Creation.

In three more lessons you will have completed this course and you can return to it for further study repeatedly. You also have had the opportunity to download a .pdf copy of my video scripts to create a notebook of this material. So, if you haven't grown from these lessons, it is because you were not willing to do the work necessary to positively transform your own life; and that is something no one can do for you. You are the Master of your **Destiny** and the Architect of your **Fate**.

OK! Let's jump into today's lesson!

The *Oju Odù* Groupings:

So, imagine there is a group of sixteen friends. They all know each other and interact with each other, but within the group there are also some special relationships. Some of the members of this larger group have more in common with each other. Say,

- some of them like to hike,
- some like to bowl,
- some like to play basketball,
- and some just like to go to the movies.

So, although they are all connected as friends, if you are looking for one of them, who say is one of the ones who likes to play basketball, the first place you would go to locate that person is the local basketball court where that smaller group likes to hang out.

The **Oju Odù** also have these smaller group affinities within the larger group, and what defines them as members of a particular group is where they hang out on the **Opon Ifá**, the Divining Tray.

Studying these **Oju Odù** Groupings will assist you in becoming more familiar with the **Àṣẹ** of the various **Oju Odù Ifá**, as well as the **Amulu Odù**.

Otun- Opon (E), light, positive, masculine

Ogbè (1)

Ìrosù (5)

Ògúndá (9)

Òtúra (13)

Osi - Opon (W), water, darkness, feminine, negative

Ọyèkú (2)

Ọwónrín (6)

Ọsá (10)

Ìrètè (14)

Orí - Opon (N), heaven, masculine, spirit, positive

Ìwòrì (3)

Ọbàrà (7)

Ìká (11)

Ọsé (15)

Eṣẹ - Opon (S), earth, feminine, negative

Ìdí (4)

Ọkànràn (8)

Òtúrúpòn (12)

Òfún (16)

Take some time to study these relationships and allow yourself to grow in the wisdom and understanding of the Sacred **Odù Ifá**.

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!

Ifokanbale! Peace of Mind from **Olódùmarè!**

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

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!