

## IFA IWA (Lesson 8) Ose Ifa Ritual: Salute

**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!**

***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

**I am *Baba Umar, Oluranse Emese, (Voice of the Emese), Member of the Isoro Traditional Council of Chiefs, and Babalawo of Ile Awo Orisa.***

Thank you for joining us for another lesson in our Video Series on Ifa Iwa (Ifa Practice) where we are discussing the elements of the Ose Ifa Ceremony with the intention of assisting you to establish your own regular ***Ifa Practice***.

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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: The Ose Ifa Ritual: The Opening Salutes**

Remember that I've provided you with access to a print copy of these lessons in the ***Ifa Iwa Video Gallery***. A link is in the description section below.

The ritual opens with a salute to your ***Ile Ojubo*** (sacred space), your ***Ori***, to ***Ori Baba*** and ***Ori Iya***, and then to ***Esu Elegba***.

**Salute to Your Sacred Space:**

The space that you have prepared for your ceremony has become sacred space by your intention and preparation. As such it should always be treated with respect and it should receive your salutation when entering. It is your ***Ile Ojubo*** (Shrine, House Temple).

***Ago! Ago! Ago Ile Ojubo mi!***

Listen! Listen! Listen my Shrine!

***Ile Ojubo mi, mo ki e o!***

My Shrine, I greet you!

***Ile Ojubo mi, mo ki e o!***

My Shrine, I greet you!

***Ile Ojubo mi, mo ki e o iki eye!***

My Shrine, I greet you with honor!

***Ile Ojubo mi, mo ki e o iki i'mo're!***

My Shrine, I greet you with gratitude!

***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

What you say and do in this space is intended to transform your life in some positive way, and to influence the wellbeing of those you love and those you are here to serve. Therefore, you should enter this space with a sense of **purpose**, **respect**, and **gratitude**. This is the space you have set aside to commune with the sacred.

**Once you have settled into your space:**

**Salute to Your Ori:**

***Ori mi Apere!***

My *Ori*, my Inner Head, Carrier of my Destiny, Full of Perfection!

***Ori mi Apesin!***

My *Ori*, my Inner Head, the Most Precious!

***Ori mi, mo pe ti e!***

My *Ori*, I call to you!

***Ori mi, mo pe ti e!***

My *Ori*, I call to you!

***Ori mi, mo pe ti e!***

My *Ori*, I call to you!

***Emi ni nihin!***

I am here!

***Ori mi, mo ki e o iki eye!***

My *Ori*, I greet you with honor!  
***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

You *Ori Inu* is never absent, but you and I are not always cognizant (aware) of its tireless presence and support. So this brief salute is more to turn your attention to your *Ori Inu* rather than to turn your *Oriinu's* attention towards you.

**Salute to *Ori Baba* & *Ori Iya*:**

***Ori Baba*** is the aggregate/collective consciousness of all of the males who have ever contributed to the ***Ase*** of fatherhood in all its forms, since the beginning of time. **Paternity** is a divine creation. (We can see from the teaching of ***Odu Ifa*** that the wisdom of ***Ori Baba*** may also reside in the ***Ase*** of other creatures, such as plants, insects, and animals.)

***Ori Iya*** is the aggregate/collective consciousness of all of the females who have ever contributed to the ***Ase*** of motherhood in all its forms, since the beginning of time. **Maternity** is a divine creation. (We can see from the teaching of ***Odu Ifa*** that the wisdom of ***Ori Iya*** may also reside in the ***Ase*** of other creatures, such as plants, insects, and animals.)

***Iba Baba!***

***Iba Yeye!***

Honor to the fathers!

Honor to the mothers!

***Ori Baba! Ori Iya!***

***Mo ki e o!***

*Ori Baba! Ori Iya!*

I greet you!

***Ori Baba! Ori Iya!***

***Mo ki e o iki eye!***

*Ori Baba! Ori Iya!*

I greet you with honor!

***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

The ***Ase*** of ***Ori Iya*** and ***Ori Baba*** is an inexhaustible pool of wisdom that is available to you as you navigate your way through your daily life choices, the same choices that have been made by countless generations of those who have lived,

ascended, and returned over the eons of time.

Now that you have acknowledged and called upon all those that have come before you, it's time to homage the *Gatekeeper*.

**Salute to *Esu Elegba, Esu Elegbara, Esu Odara*:**

*Orisa Eshu* is the Messenger of *Olodumare, Orisa*, and *Egun*. As the Guardian of the Gates of Fortune, the Keeper of the *Ase* of the *Orisa*, the Lord of the Crossroads, and the Lord of Choice, Chance, and Change, he is worthy of your respect and acknowledgement. He is the Powerful One, the one who has the characteristics of receiving and rescuing. He is the enforcer of law and justice, and a maintainer of public order. He is an empath, having the ability to apprehend the mental and emotional state of others. It is said that when you cry tears, he cries blood. He can smooth the way or upset the way. Therefore, *Esu* is worthy of a salute.

***Ago! Ago! Ago Esu Elegba!***

Listen! Listen! Listen *Esu Elegba!*

***Esu, mo ki e o!***

*Esu*, I greet you!

***Esu, mo ki e o!***

*Esu*, I greet you!

***Esu Elegba, mo ki e o iki eye!***

*Esu Elegba*, I greet you with honor!

***Mo juba awo Esu Elegba!***

I humble myself before the mysteries of *Esu Elegba*.

***Iwo ni Iko Olodumare, ati Orisa, ati Egun!***

You are the messenger of *Olodumare*, and *Orisa*, and Ancestors!

***Iwo ni Olupamo Ase Orisa!***

You are the Keeper of the *Ase* of the *Orisa*!

***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

***Emi ni Omo Orisa!***

I am a child of *Orisa*!

***Fifun mi ni iranlowo e!***

Bestow upon me your assistance.

***Mo dupe!***

I thank you!

***Ase!*** So it is!

It's now time to move into the ***Adura*** part of the ritual. That will be the topic for our next lesson.

***Ise Olorun Tobi!*** God's Work is Great and Mighty!

***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***

***Ki Olodumare, Orisa, 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! Ase o!***

(See Video Lesson 8 for detailed discussion.)