

Sacred *Odù Ifá* Series: May 2026 Release
Sacred *Odù Èjì Ogbè* (Èṣẹ̀ 1.7) *How We Should Behave in the World*

Alàfíà ati Ife Brothers and Sisters!
Orí ire 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 o!*

If you have been studying with me for a while, welcome back. I'm grateful for your participation and support as we travel together into the wisdom of *Ifá*.

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

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!

If you are new to these video lessons, I'm Baba Umar, *Oluranse Emese* (Voice of the Emese), Member of the *Isoro* Traditional Council of Chiefs in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, *Olúwo* of the House of Umar, and *Babaláwo* of *Ile Awo Òrìṣà* (the House of the Mysteries of the *Òrìṣàs*). You can learn more about the *Emese* and the *Isoro* Council in the description section below and on our website. A link to our website is also in the description section below.

Our topic in this video is: Sacred *Odù Èjì Ogbè* –
Èṣẹ̀ 1.7: How We Should Behave in the World

Part 1 - Spiritual Significance of the Èṣẹ̀

This *Èṣẹ̀* speaks of the foundation of righteous character.

- *Ìwà* (character) is not performance, it is alignment with destiny.
- *Ọlórún* (God) “trusts” the human being with great power and potential at creation — but that trust must be maintained through conduct.

“*Bi Ọlórún Oba mi ti da mi mo n se o*”

- “As my God created me, so I behave.”

This is not casual speech - it is a spiritual oath of alignment with one's *Òrì* (inner divinity and destiny).

The deeper meaning:

- You are not free to behave any way that you want to.
- You are obligated to behave in accordance with your divine design.
- We live the consequences of our choices!

Your birth into the *l'oja* is part of a sacred contract. You are born and allowed to inhabit an avatar (your uniquely designed earth suit). For example, when you rent an apartment, you sign a

contract/lease that places certain responsibilities on the landlord, and certain responsibilities on you as the renter. Every creature must behave according to its divine nature.

Part 2 - Core Spiritual Themes

1. *Ìwà Rere* (Good Character) - Character is the true sacrifice that sustains destiny.
2. *Òtító* (Truthfulness) - Truth is not just speech — it is purity of thought.
3. *Ìkà* (Wickedness) as Internal, not External - Evil begins in thought before action.
4. *Àkókò* (Time & Consequence) - What is done in youth follows into old age.
5. *Àṣẹ Olódùmarè* (Divine Instruction) - All beings were instructed to do good - not all obeyed.
6. *Òrúnmìlà* as Model of Perfect Alignment - He alone fulfilled divine instruction fully. The *Àṣẹ* of *Òrúnmìlà* is embodied in the Sacred *Odù Ifá*. We study the *Odùs* to learn how to approach perfection.

Part 3 - Line-by-Line Translation

Èjì Ogbè / Ogbè Méjì (1.7) (This *Èṣẹ* speak of how we should behave in the world.)

Àbọ́rú Àbọ́yè!

Bí Ọlórún Ọba mi ti dá mi mo n ṣe o.
As my God, my King, created me, so I conduct myself.

Mo n ṣe rere.
I do good.

Mo n ṣe òtító.
I practice truth.

Mi ò ṣe ibi.
I do no evil.

Mi ò gbero ikà sí inú,
I do not harbor wickedness within,
Kí n má bà á bí sí kú.
So that I may not die in misery.

Nítorí ohun tí a bá ṣe iwúró,
Because what we do in our youth,
Tímótímọ̀ ni yóò wà lẹ́wọ̀ dé ọjó alé.
Will remain with us closely into old age.

A dífá fún Ọrúnmìlà,
Ifá divination was cast for *Ọrúnmìlà*
Bàbá ń tìkòlé ọrun bò wáyé.
When he was coming from heaven to earth
Sàgèdè fún ọ̀kànkànlẹ́lọ̀rún ìrúnmọ̀lẹ̀,
Also, for the 401 *Ìrúnmọ̀lẹ̀*

Wón n tòrun bò wáyé.

When they came from heaven to earth.

Olódùmarè ní kí wón máa ẹ̀ rere.

Olódùmarè instructed them to always do good.

Ọ̀rúnmìlà nìkan ló fì ọ̀títọ̀ inú dá erù ikà sọ̀nù.

Only *Ọ̀rúnmìlà* used inner truth to overcome wickedness.

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!

Èjì Ogbè / Ogbè Méjì (1.7)

Part 4 - Core Message

Your *Ayanmo* (destiny) is not what destroys you - your behavior is.

- Good character preserves destiny.
- Bad thoughts destroy it from within.
- Truth is the weapon against unseen corruption.

Part 5 - Historical Context

This *Èsẹ̀* reflects a cosmic moment:

- When *Ọ̀rúnmìlà* and the 401 *Ìrùnmolẹ̀* descended from *Ọ̀run* (the spiritual realm) to *Ayé* (earth),
- They were given a single universal command by *Olódùmarè*:
“*È máa ẹ̀ rere!*” - Always do good!

And the text also reveals something critical:

- Not all divine beings maintained that instruction.
- Only *Ọ̀rúnmìlà* upheld it fully through inner truth.

This establishes *Ọ̀rúnmìlà (Ifá)* as:

- Witness of destiny
- Guardian of moral order
- Embodiment of correct behavior

Part 6 – Philosophical Implication

This *Èsẹ̀* destroys certain common illusions/delusions:

- Evil is not accidental. You are given a clear path and the free will to choose!
- Misfortune is not random. Misfortune operates under the Law of Cause and Effect.
- Life is governed by moral causality.
- When you experience misfortune ask your *Ọ̀rì*, “*In what way am I out of alignment?*”

Thought > Character > Destiny Outcome

- The most dangerous thing is not what you do...
- It is what you quietly allow in your mind – because all behavior begins as a thought.

Part 7 - Esoteric Layer

“*Òtító inú*” - Inner truth - is the key phrase. This is deeper than honesty:
It means alignment between: Thought (*Ìrònú*) - Heart (*Ọkàn*) - Destiny (*Òrì*)
In other words – heart-mind coherence. The heart is the mouthpiece of *Òrì*!

When Thought (*Ìrònú*) - Heart (*Ọkàn*) - Destiny (*Òrì*) are aligned:

- Negative forces (*erù ikà*) lose power.
- Spiritual attacks cannot attach to you.

This is why *Ọrúnmilà* was protected - not by ritual alone, but by internal purity.

Part 8 - Moral & Communal Teaching

This *Esè* is direct and practical:

- Do good consistently - not occasionally.
- Do not entertain harmful thoughts about others.
- Understand that your present behavior gives rise to your future condition.
- You are who and where you are today because of what you thought and did in the past.

In community:

- A person with hidden wickedness becomes a silent destroyer.
- A person with inner truth becomes a pillar of stability.

Part 9 – Theological Summary – *Ilé-Ifẹ* / *Ise*

- *Olódùmarè* created humans with good destiny potential.
- *Ìwà* (character) determines whether destiny manifests properly.
- *Ọrúnmilà* is the divine witness of alignment between Human Conduct and Divine Expectation.

Therefore:

- To follow *Ifá* is not only to perform rituals - It is to become truthful in thought and action.

Part 10 - Closing Interpretation

This *Esè* is not simply advising - It is a warning.

If you:

- Think wrongly
- Act carelessly
- Ignore truth

You are already planting suffering on your path.

But if you:

- Align with truth

- Maintain good character
- Guard your inner thoughts

You walk under protection - just as *Òrúnmìlà* did.

Part 11 – *Òwe Yorùbá*
(Proverb that Captures the Meaning of this *Èsè*)

“Ìwà l’ẹwà!” - Character is beauty.

- Not physical beauty
- Not social status

But the invisible force that determines:

- Longevity
- Peace of Mind (*Ifokanbale!* Peace of Mind from *Olódùmarè!*)
- Destiny fulfillment

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Àşẹ o!

Remember to be careful and move with wisdom in the world so that you do not attract negative forces into your life and negative consequences onto your path.

Also, if you are feeling lost or stuck in your life process remember that I’m here for you, along with Baba OriSagbemi and Baba Okunlade. We are available to do consultations and readings to assist you on your journey.

Ki Olódùmarè, Òrìşà, ati Egun fifun e ni

Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!

May Olódùmarè, Òrìşà, and Egun bestow on you,
Guidance, Wisdom, and Abundant Blessings!

Ifokanbale! Peace of Mind from *Olódùmarè!*

Alafia ati Ife! Peace and Love!

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

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