

Sacred *Odù Ifá* Series: August 2026 Release
Sacred Odu *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì* Overview

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! *Àşẹ 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*!

Àşẹ! Àşẹ! Àşẹ 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 *Ilé-Ifè*, 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 in the description section below.

Our topic in this video is: Overview of the Spiritual Significance of Sacred Odu *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì*

Introduction

- Name: *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì* / *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì*
- Odu Number: 2nd of the 256 *Odù Ifá*
- Symbol: double *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú*

Ogbè Méjì (*Èjì Ogbè*) and *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì* are the parents of the 16 *Oju Odù* (Major). When *Ogbè Méjì* and *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì* interact with each other they give birth to the other 14 Major *Odù*. When the *Oju Odù* interact, they give birth to the *Amulu Odù* (the 240 Minor *Odù*). These interactions create the *Ifá* Corpus of 256 *Odù*.

Part 1: Core Meaning and Energy of *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì*

Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì represents darkness, the unseen world, death, ancestors, and deep transformation. It is one of the most powerful and mysterious *Odù* in the *Ifá* divination system. Unlike *Èjì Ogbè*, which represents the light of creation, *Ọ̀yẹ̀kú Méjì* embodies the hidden forces of the universe - what is beneath the surface, in the shadow, or within the womb of the Earth.

It is the gateway to the realms of the ancestors (*Egúngún*), the spirits of the unborn, and the deep subconscious.

- The subconscious is the totality of mental processes of which you and I are typically not aware, (unreportable mental activity).

- This is where our enemies planted their seeds of destruction for the purpose of leaving us in a state of (perceived) perpetual powerlessness (unable to produce an effect).
- The Hypnosis of Social Conditioning embodies that programming that exists and operates in the mind beneath or beyond consciousness.

Odù Òyèkú Méjì is where life and death, endings and beginnings, merge. It reminds us that all life emerges from darkness (the womb, the night, the unknown) and returns to it in transformation.

Part 2: Spiritual Themes of Odù Òyèkú Méjì

Death and Rebirth

- Symbolizes endings that prepare for new beginnings; spiritual death precedes higher awakening.

Ancestral Power (Egúngún)

- Connects to ancestral spirits and their guidance; the presence of invisible elders.

Secrets and Hidden Knowledge

- Holds esoteric, mystical wisdom; calls for humility and inner listening.

Shadow Work

- Reveals hidden fears, suppressed emotions, and unconscious behaviors for healing and growth.

The Womb / Cosmic Darkness

- Sacred darkness from which all life is born; feminine mysteries and Earth's sacred power.

Silence and Contemplation

- Teaches that not all wisdom comes through speech or action - stillness is sacred.

Part 3: Metaphors & Sacred Imagery

- The Womb of the Earth – Life gestates in secret before emerging.
- Nightfall Before Dawn – Darkness precedes illumination.
- Ancestors Gathering in Silence – Spiritual messages may come without words.
- The Closed Calabash – Sacred things are concealed until the right moment.

Part 4: Guidance and Instruction of Òyèkú Méjì What Ancestors Want You to Know!

Honor Your Ancestors

- Òyèkú calls for rituals, offerings, and connection with the lineage that walks with you.

Embrace Transformation

- Accept the cycles of loss and renewal; surrendering opens the path to rebirth.

Go Inward

- This *Odù* teaches through solitude and meditation; what's hidden must be faced and understood.

Respect the Power of Silence

- Words have power, but so does restraint. Òyèkú teaches to observe before acting.

Avoid Deception

- As the *Odù* of secrets, it warns against lies, betrayal, or misusing spiritual power.

Part 5: Òrúnmìlà and Òyèkú Méjì

In the stories of *Ifá*, Òrúnmìlà walks with Òyèkú Méjì to retrieve souls from the underworld, teach the wisdom of cycles, and demonstrate that death is not an end, but a doorway. Òyèkú is not to be feared - it is to be respected as the custodian of divine mystery.

Part 6: Warnings and Taboos

- Avoid spiritual arrogance or unveiling sacred things prematurely.
- Disrespect for the ancestors or ritual neglect can bring imbalance.
- Be cautious in times of grief, endings, or when receiving dreams and omens—they often carry deep truth.

Part 7: Òyèkú Méjì in Divination

When this Odù appears in divination, it may signify:

- A necessary ending that leads to renewal
- The need for ancestral intervention
- A time of deep spiritual reflection
- Hidden enemies or secrets needing to be exposed
- The presence of divine feminine or *Egúngún* energy

Part 8: Closing Thought

Òyèkú Méjì is the sacred night sky before dawn - the unseen force that births the visible. It reminds us that all things sacred are first hidden, and that through patience, reverence, and connection with the unseen, we access the deepest spiritual truths.

Brothers and Sisters, I appreciate you taking a moment to Like, Comment, and pose your questions about this lesson. And if you haven't already done so, please subscribe, click the notification button, and share these lessons widely.

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. Just send me an email to express your interest and needs.

Ki Olódùmarè, Òrìṣà, ati Egun fifun e ni

Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!

May Olódùmarè, Òrìṣà, 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!

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!