

Alafia 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! If you are striving to change your life by following the guidance of your ancestors, then you are in the right place. This is where we break things down to help you to expand your mind into the wisdom of the *Ifá* Spiritual Tradition of Ancestor and Òrìṣà Worship.

Itesiwaju ati Isokan! (Progress and Peace!)

Everything we share here is intended to assist you in making progress and finding peace and success in your life. Your goal is consistent progress, not perfection!

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!

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

Homage to Òrìṣà and Egun!

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).

Our topic in this video is: The Sixteen Truths of *Ifá*: Truth (12): *We are born with a specific path. It is our goal to travel it. Divination provides our road map!*

Odù Ìrosù Méjì / Ìrosùméjì (5)

This Odù also says: (speaking of the importance of time and timing.)

Àbọ́rú Àbọ́yè!

"Ita ruku, l'awo ita ruku

"Dusty road, Diviner for dusty road,

Ita ruku, l'awo ita ruku

Dusty space, Diviner for dusty space'

Ita ruku, l'awo ita tataata

Open dusty place diviner for open space,

a d'ifá fún gba nsh'awo lo s'ode oyo

Divined for time, time was on a spiritual journey to *Oyo* town.

Igba a rula Igba a rukan

The time to harvest Okra is different from the time to harvest *Ikan* (okra family).

A ii w'aye eni ai nigba."

As individuals, we all have our destined times (no matter what happens, we all have remarkable times in life)."

Ìrosù Méjì / Ìrosùméjì (5)

It was April 1, 2020, and virtually all of humanity was in lockdown, or some attempt at social distancing because of the virus called COVID-19. It was a virus that earned the infamous title of Pandemic and threatened hundreds of thousands if not millions of lives around the globe. Although many of us wanted to linger in denial, deep down inside we knew, and science reaffirmed, how we got there. A simple Universal Rule, the Spiritual Laws of the *L'oja* state that '*we will live the consequences of our choices*'.

We, humanity, have made choices during our journey in the *L'oja* that have shaped the current experience that we are going through together. We have engineered an environment in which we suffer the ravages of greed, prejudice, hatred, war, murder, disease, and famine. So many of us are overwhelmed with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, fear, desperation, confusion, and depression. How seemingly suddenly our world has changed. But it was not sudden at all. This shared moment is the result of the gradual and unending processes of choice, chance, and change.

So many souls have been longing for and praying for something to happen that might change the present condition and course of our journey in this world. On some level, in some strange way, COVID-19 may have been part of the answer to those prayers as it drove us to abandon our everyday routines, to draw closer to family, and to ponder the things that are important to us, and the path we have been walking!

Mo juba Awo Eshu Elegba!

Enyin ni Oluwo Awo Yiyàn, Eshi, ati Iparò!

I humble myself before the Mysteries of *Eshu Elegba*!

You are the Owner of the Mysteries of Choice, Chance, and Change!

In our last lesson, released in March 2025, I laid out a list of nine (9) questions for you to reflect upon. *Did you spend any time in that reflective meditation?* I hope so, and if not, you can still make the choice to do so. Now I have three more important questions but before we discuss them let's look more deeply into this present Truth of Ifá, Truth (12): *We are born with a specific path. It is our goal to travel it. Divination provides our road map!*

As we move into this discussion bear in mind the following Truths of Ifá that we have already discussed.

- Truth 3: There is no Predestination!
- Truth 7: Heaven is our Home, and the Earth is the Marketplace!
- Truth 8: We are part of the Universe (Multiverse) in a literal, not just as a figurative way!
- Truth 9: We must never initiate harm to another human being!
- Truth 10: You must never harm the universe of which you are part!

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OK! Let's dive back into our topic.

Remember in discussing the *Ifá* History of the Beginning we stated that 'we, you and I choose to come into the world (the *L'oja*, the Marketplace). *Why? Why did you choose to come?*

The most direct answer, based on things we have previously discussed is - because SOURCE is moving through and expressing itself as each of us according to the Law of *Isoki* (Contrast, Contraction, Conflict), the Law of *Isopo*, (Connection, Connectivity, Belonging), and the Law of *Itẹlọ* (Expansion, Transformation, Ascension). These are foundational elements of our journey in the *L'oja*.

- You chose to come to be a part of this Divine Process.
- You chose to come to serve as a vehicle through which *Olódùmarè* witnesses the process of BECOMING in this REALM OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.
- You chose to come to fulfill the longings and sacrifices of your ancestors.
- You chose to come so that you can become a Highly Evolved Being.

Truth 12 states: "*We are born with a specific path!*"

What does that mean? What could it mean?

For it to become clear, we must distinguish between the notion of 'path' and that of 'predestination'. Remember, *Ifá* states in Truth 3: '*there is no predestination*'.

- Predestination implies 'the divine foreordaining of all that will happen, especially with regard to the salvation of some and not others.'
- Predestination implies the absence of choice, and therefore it places a constraint on the processes of *Isoki*, *Isopo*, and *Itẹlọ*, making predestination contrary to Universal Laws! It wouldn't make sense for *Olódùmarè* to give you the power of choice, and then to predetermine all your options and all your decisions.

Path, on the other hand, lays out a much broader range of possibilities for each of us. Path opens more choices, more chance encounters and synchronicities, and more opportunities to experience change, both the expected and the unexpected.

- Your Path is the course or direction that you are moving.
- Your Path signifies your course of action or conduct.
- Your Path may be the order in which certain things will happen in your life.
- Your Path is also influenced by the timing of things as indicated in Sacred *Odù Ìrosù Méjì / Ìrosùméjì* (5).

We've all had the experience of reading a book and coming away with very little, and then reading the book again, perhaps years later, and the material unlocks volumes of knowledge and wisdom that did not emerge before. Timing!

Things changed, and so did you (between your first and second reading of that book or *Odù*)!

- Path allows for those changes, adaptations, and transformations that occur based upon your choices and decisions along your journey.
- Path does not define or specify what you will experience on your journey in the *L'oja*. Rather, it lays out the general parameters of your persona, your way of being, and your direction in life.

In this sense you may be off your Path if you are choosing to act in ways or to go in directions that undermine your ability to live in alignment with Truth (4) - It is your birthright to be happy, successful, and fulfilled!

If your choices lead you off path, then: Truth (12) also states: It is our goal to travel it. Divination provides our road map!

Your goal in life is to follow your chosen Path, a path that was chosen by you for you before you came into the world. It is a path that carries the thread of continuity running through your multitude of lifetimes, rebirth after rebirth. Your path ties you to your ancestral lineage and legacy.

Divination is your way of gaining insight into the shadows of confusion that will occasionally and naturally occur on your journey. Today, as you listen to this lesson, you are now mindful that you chose to come into the *L'oja* at this time. Yes, right amid a Global Shift from the 3rd and 4th Stages of Creation into the 5th Stage of Creation. The shift from the current unsustainable world order into a New World Order based upon the ancient and profound wisdom of your ancestors. *Ifá* is pointing the way.

Why did you choose to come?

- *Is it because you looked on the world from the 'before-time' and saw the pain and suffering of humanity in this time and this place?*
- *Did you come to be a part of the answer to humanity's and your ancestors' longings and prayers?*
- *Did you decide that you were up to the challenge of making a difference in the world (large or small), and helping to turn the tide of energy flow in the *L'oja*?*

Whatever moved you to come, *Ifá* celebrates your existence in the world.

- We celebrate because we understand the awesome power that you brought with you.
- We celebrate because we know that in each of you *Olódùmarè*, SOURCE, the SEE (Sentient Energetic Entity) is present in all its power and glory!
- We celebrate you because we believe that as you answer the three questions listed below,
 - you will align your physical and Spiritual *Orí*,
 - you will remember who you are and why you chose to come,

- and you will make a positive and profound change in our world (the *L'oja* as you and I are living it today).

Remember Sacred *Odù Ogbè Òfún / Ogbè'fún* (45) speaking of why *Olódùmarè* created three groups of humans to do three kinds of things on earth.)

Àbọ́rú Àbọ́yè!

"Aj itu gbaye

Arin ginnigini gbayi

Oj i ni kutukutu rohun oro s 'ari gbon lo orun;

they cast *Ifá* for *Òrúnmìlà* when coming from heaven to earth.

They also cast *Ifá* for *Ọmọ Ènìyàn* when they were categorized into three groups.

- Those who have come to achieve on earth (Did you come as a leader, a doer?)
- Those who have come to accompany the achievers (Did you come as a supporter, a helper?)
- And those who have come to watch things happen (Did you come as a student, an observer, a witness?)

They were also coming to do three things on earth.

- They were coming to do good (Is that you?)
- They were coming to do evil (Is that you?)
- They were coming to do neither good nor evil (Is that you?)

Aaseemogamoga kii ri ohun oro se arigbon lo, he was the *Awo* who cast *Ifá* for *Agbonniregun*, when he was going from earth to heaven. And was going to inquire from *Olódùmarè* why He had created three groups and three things on earth at the same time.

He said that there was no way the three creatures would not confront one another. And, when they did, there would be casualties.

Olódùmarè replied that this was a way of knowing human attitudes."

Ogbè Òfún / Ogbè'fún (45)

Àṣẹ!

Odù Ogbè Òfún / Ogbè'fún tells us that the *L'oja* was set up for you to reveal yourself to yourself. Now that you've spent some time with the previous nine questions and have a deeper understanding of yourself, I invite you to spend some time with these questions.

Looking at the world, the *L'oja*, as you see it today,

(1) *What problem do you want to solve?*

What problem is calling/speaking to your heart and brain? It might be in your family, your neighborhood, your city, state, nation, or in the world. Who are you and why did you come?

(2) *How do you want to solve that problem?*

What talents, skills, capacities do you have that can be directed towards the problem you have chosen to devote yourself to solving?

(3) *What do you need to know to solve that problem?*

What do you need to research or study? Whom do you need to speak to about your ideas? Whom do you need to learn from, even indirectly, from books or videos?

No problem that we face in the *L'oja*, or that you face in your personal life, is too big for you, for us to solve! It's just about each of us doing our part! You are here to exercise stewardship (not ownership) over planet earth and all her inhabitants. *What kind of stewardship will you provide for Mother Earth and her children? What are your Ancestors, your children, and your future descendants expecting of you?*

This brings us to the Thirteenth Truth of Ifá that states: *Our Ancestors exist and must be honored!*

How do you choose to honor your lineage and the legacy of your ancestors?

*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!

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