

STONE:  
WE ARE COMPOSED  
OF FLESH AND DEATH;  
TURN AND RETURN,  
FATHER OF  
TRANSFORMATION.

## ROAD TO IFA

IFA is the Oracle of the Yoruba. It is likewise the "City of Camps," the end of the journey of initiation. The Yoruba call the signs & symbols of the Oracle ODU. In practice, ODU are synonymous with the "roads" to IFA.

The ritual skrying draws upon a very simplified version of this rich initiatory system.

Large mirror above altar. Ritualists gather 15-20 feet from front of altar & center themselves within the magical consciousness. There is a plate containing piece of paper (stones) and a candle.

GROUP INVOCATION: PAPA LEGBA, OPEN WIDE THE GATE,  
PAPA LEGBA, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN  
PAPA LEGBA, WE ARE HERE.

PAPA LEGBA, OPEN THE GATE WIDE SO  
THAT WE CAN PASS.

BATON SAMEDI, GUIDE OUR PATH.

LISA . . . , MOONLIGHT ON OUR ROAD  
ERSULIE . . . , WE CARRY YOUR BOAT  
WITHIN US.

DAMBALLAH, SEND YOUR SNAKES TO  
LEAD US

ROAD TO IFA, WE LAY THE STONES.

CHANT: PAPA LEGBA, ODU ODU

DRUMS ACCENT: A - A - - , A - A -

CHANT CONTINUES. EACH PARTICIPANT PICKS A "STONE" AT RANDOM. THE STONES ARE PLACED BY THEM IN A LINE MOVING TOWARD THE ALTAR. AFTER THE LAST STONE IS IN PLACE EACH RITUALIST, IN TURN, CARRIES THE CANDLE TO THE ALTAR READING THE ORACLE AS S/HE MOVES. THE CANDLE IS PLACED BEFORE THE MIRROR & THE VISION OBTAINED. THE CANDLE IS RETURNED TO THE NEXT PERSON.

STONES

I AWAKE to the SOUND OF WINNOWER RAIN	CUT, BIND, HALVE THE WHOLE PROWL ON THE OUTSKIRTS, CLAWS, DIG IN	By THY ROD, BLACK FIRE, CENTER ME	TWO WORDS HAVE SPOKEN TWO TASKS HAVE GIVEN THEMSELVES TO ME THE ROAD IS OPEN	WASHES OFF CATCHES ON DOUBLES REDOUBLES PAINTS THE WORLD RED.	HAND PRESSES DOWN HEAVILY UPON ME THE INVISIBLE WORM WALKS CROOKEDLY WITHIN ME BROOM SONG; SWEEP OUT UPON THE ROAD, CLEANSE ME,
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