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Dafá (*Ifá Oracle Divination*) revealed **Ọ̀bàrà'dí** (aka **Ọ̀bàrà Ìdí**) for 2025, an Odù that highlights the contrast between independence and dependency.

One way to understand **Ọ̀bàrà'dí** is by examining the interplay of its elements: air and earth. **Ọ̀bàrà**, associated with air, symbolizes movement, change, and the flow of ideas, while **Ìdí**, connected to the earth, represents grounding, stability, and manifestation. Together, they embody the balance between the tangible and intangible—the spiritual and material worlds—reflecting the principle of “*as above, so below.*”

Ọ̀bàrà emphasizes the need for action; it is not enough to simply have ideas or plans. Action and execution are required to bring them to life. **Ìdí**, on the left leg of the Odù, focuses on the process of birthing these ideas—nurturing and incubating them until they take form. When combined, **Ọ̀bàrà'dí** calls for not only envisioning and planning but also following through to achieve the results we have hoped for. It is a powerful reminder to bridge the gap between inspiration and realization, ensuring that our aspirations are grounded in effort and materialized in reality.

Ọ̀bàrà, appearing on the right leg of the Odù, embodies strategy, courage, and leadership. It is symbolized by animals with cloven hooves, representing a fork in the road—a pivotal moment where one must make a choice. The decisions you make at this juncture carry significant weight, shaping your success throughout the year. Ọ̀bàrà calls for calculated risks, courage, assertiveness, and decisiveness, urging you to act without hesitation. It is a sign of empowerment, inviting you to take responsibility for your life and become more independent. Remember, we become wise through experience, not by always playing it safe.

In contrast, **Ìdí**, appearing on the left leg of the Odù, represents a mother's protective and nurturing energy. It embodies the instinct to guard against harm while remaining sweet and compassionate, creating a sense of safety and security that is often hard to relinquish. In nature, a mother bird instinctively pushes her chicks from the nest when the time comes for them to learn to fly—a frightening yet essential step toward independence. Similarly, breaking free from our comfort zone often requires an external force, as most of us tend to avoid risk.

So, we can expect that if we're not assertive enough and take action, some external force will bring about sudden change to make that happen as **Ọ̀sá'Túrá** (also known as **Ọ̀sá Ọ̀túrá**) for **destiny** suggests.

These two contrasting energies—Ọ̀bàrà, a masculine sign associated with **Şàngó**, the king, and **Ìdí**, a feminine sign linked to **Ọ̀şun**, the nurturer—create a delicate balance. Together, they pose a powerful question: Are you ready to step into independence and leave behind the perceived safety of your current situation, or will you choose to remain in your comfort zone?

Imagine someone stuck in a dead-end job, holding on to the familiar comfort and perceived security it provides. Opportunities may arise and pass them by, but true success will only be achieved when they find the courage to step out of their comfort zone and chase a brighter future.

The 2025 annual reading identifies three guiding Òrìṣà—**Obàtálà**, **Ṣàngó**, and **Ògún**—whose energies will shape the experiences of the year. Understanding their attributes and lessons will be crucial for navigating the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Obàtálà

Guided by the Odù **Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀'Rosù** (*also known as Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀ Ìrosùn*), Obàtálà brings clarity of thought and the wisdom to break free from old patterns. This energy helps us stay grounded in the present, enabling us to manifest our fullest potential.

Ṣàngó

Aligned with the Odù **Ògúndá'Wọ̀nrín** (*also known as Ògúndá Ọ̀wọ̀nrín*), Ṣàngó inspires leadership, strategy, and the ability to take charge. He empowers us to confront and resolve conflicts with courage and determination.

Ògún

Through the Odù **Ogbèyónú** (*also known as Ogbè'Gúndá or Ogbè Ògúndá*), Ògún encourages us to appreciate life in its entirety: the people, the experiences, our hard work, and even the challenges that come disguised as lessons, all of which contribute to our growth and evolution. This energy warns against dismissing valuable relationships, contributions, or opportunities that may seem minor at first but carry the potential for profound growth and fulfillment.

Working with your spiritual guides

While the three Òrìṣà provide supplemental guidance, it is essential to maintain a strong connection with your spiritual guides:

1. **Èṣù**: Everything begins and ends with Èṣù, the remover of obstacles. Every prayer, ritual, and offering must honor Èṣù to ensure the successful manifestation of your intentions.
2. **Guardian Òrìṣà**: Knowing your personal Òrìṣà provides alignment with your destiny. A personal reading can reveal who this is and offer insight into your unique spiritual path.
3. **Orí**: Regularly refreshing and honoring your Orí (inner self) is vital for staying aligned with your purpose.
4. **Ancestors**: Honor your ancestors through “*ancestor worship*” to receive their wisdom and guidance.
5. **Ẹ̀gbé Ọ̀rún** (*translates to "society in heaven"*): Refers to a specific group of souls in the astral plane that you belong to, offerings to them help ensure you have peace and harmony.

The Year Ahead

The energies of **Obàtálà**, **Şàngó**, and **Ògún** offer targeted support to help you overcome obstacles, make thoughtful decisions, and recognize opportunities for growth. By working with these guiding forces alongside your spiritual guides, you can navigate 2025 with confidence, clarity, and purpose.

The **Òrişà** are categorized into three main temperament groups: **Funfun** (*white*), **Pupa** (*red*), and **Dúdú** (*black*). These groupings are more a reflection of their **temperament** rather than a literal color. Each **Òrişà**'s temperament is expressed through these color indicators, helping to convey their distinct essence and influence.

- **Funfun** represents coolness and calm and is associated with light hues such as white, silver, cream, and gray. These hues evoke a sense of serenity and balance.
- **Pupa** is at the opposite end of the spectrum, symbolizing heat, passion, ambition, creativity, strategy, and action, resonating with vibrant shades like bright red, orange, yellow, and other fiery tones. Associated with those **Òrişà** who's role is to protect and fight for you. There's a greater volatility to this temperament thus the need to balance it with *Funfun* and *Dúdú*.
- **Dúdú** lies somewhere between *Funfun* and *Pupa* in temperament, encompassing dark colors such as blue, indigo, green, brown, and black, which carry a grounded and introspective energy that conveys wisdom. They represent secret knowledge, what is hidden and mysterious or remains to be discovered.

The colors of the **Elekés** (*beaded necklaces*) and **Idé** (*beaded bracelets*) associated with an **Òrişà** also provide valuable insight into their qualities. The beads predominantly feature one color—representing either **Funfun**, **Pupa**, or **Dúdú**—with complementary colors added to signify balance and harmony. For instance, consider the Elekés for **Èşù**: they are made of black and red beads interspersed with white ones. This reflects Èşù's encompassing nature, embodying all temperaments and experiences.

Similarly, the 256 **Odù** also align with these three temperaments. For example, **ÈjiOgbè** is entirely *Funfun*, **Òyèkú Meji** is completely *Dúdú*, and **Ògúndá Meji** is fully *Pupa*. Many other **Odù**, however, are a blend of the three temperaments. Grasping this concept deepens your understanding of **Odù** and enhances your ability to discern the likely **Òrişà** associated with them.

Obàtálà belongs to the class of spiritual forces known as "*FunFun*," which means "white" or "splendor," and these forces make their home in the forest. Praises to Obàtálà like "Òòsà Ìgbowújìn (*spirit who lives deep in the forest*) and "Ọba Igbó (*king of the forest*) are a testament to that fact. So, when seeking his blessing, you're well-advised to take a walk in the forest in contemplation and then, in that quietness of the forest, invoke Obàtálà.

The **Elekés** (*beaded necklaces*) and **Idé** (*beaded bracelets*) dedicated to Obàtálà are mainly white beads with a few beads of a complementary color, such as red. These beads are worn by people who have Obàtálà as their guardian, as well as devotees to the Òrìṣà.

Obàtálà governs the mind and intellect, emphasizing the importance of logical thinking. It calls for **Sùúrù**—patience, restraint, and moderation—as well as purity in thoughts and actions.

Obàtálà also favors cleanliness and simplicity, symbolized by wearing white clothing and maintaining a spotless environment. Declutter your space and eliminate anything unclean, as it reflects directly on the state of your mind.

For those whose guardian Òrìṣà is Obàtálà, there is heightened sensitivity to mind-altering substances like alcohol, which are considered **È̀ewò** (*taboo*). Since Obàtálà rules over the mind, anything that disrupts mental clarity also diminishes the energy and blessings associated with this Òrìṣà. Respecting these principles ensures alignment with Obàtálà's wisdom and guidance.

Offerings to Obàtálà are typically white in color and tend to be bland in flavor. Alcohol, palm wine, and àdí (*palm kernel oil*) are **È̀ewò** (*taboo*) and should never be included.

- Omi Tútù (Omi = *water*, Tútù = *fresh*)
- Iyán (*white sweet potato that has been pounded into a smooth consistency*)
- Eko (*pudding made from fermented corn starch or maize*)
- Ẹyin – Eggs (hard-boiled eggs) or egg whites
- Shinkafa (*soft sticky rice*)
- Shea butter and Cocoa butter
- Meringue (*made from egg whites*)
- Coconut (whole, coconut milk, coconut shavings, coconut water)
- White bread
- Fruit like bananas, white pears, green apples, and green grapes
- Ẹfun (*a white chalk that is comprised of ground snail shell and white clay*)
- Vegetables prepared with shea butter
- Pounded yam
- Kola nut
- Orógbó (*bitter kola nuts*)

Ẓàngó belongs to the class of spiritual forces known as "*Pupa*," which means "red," a passionate and fierce energy.

The name Ẓàngó originates from a historical figure, the third Alaafin (*meaning "man of the palace"*) of the Yorùbá Oyó Empire, around the 12th century. Renowned as a mighty warrior and charismatic leader, Ẓàngó was deified after his death. He is credited with the strategic vision and leadership that united the Oyó Empire during a period marked by internal conflict and strife.

The Yorùbá people believe that Ẓàngó was a reincarnation of Jàkúta, an ancient Òrìṣà known for casting stones from the heavens to punish evildoers. Jàkúta is said to be the son of Agayú, the Òrìṣà linked to volcanic forces. As a result, it is customary to honor Ẓàngó's name as a tribute to his legacy and his cherished role as an Alaafin.

So, when Ẓàngó is mentioned, we say.

Káwòò kàbiè sílè Ẓàngó ~ (loosely translates to long live the ruler Ẓàngó)

Káárá wòò wòò wòò ~ may be said afterward.

Ẓàngó is a vibrant and charismatic deity who empowers the "orator"—the persuasive and eloquent speaker, whether they are a salesperson, politician, singer, lecturer, or storyteller. With Ẓàngó's powerful thunder-like voice as their guide, these individuals captivate and inspire others through their words.

Ẓàngó is often portrayed wielding his **Oxê** (*double-headed axe*), crafted from **Ẹdùn Àrá** (*thunderstone*), a material that harnesses the power of lightning. The use of thunderstone in weapons predates the Iron Age, symbolizing ancient strength and divine energy.

The double-sided design of the **Oxê** represents **preparedness, resilience, and resourcefulness**—a reminder that even if one blade dulls, there is still strength and determination to continue the fight.

We invoke Ẓàngó to cultivate the vision needed to lead and govern effectively, seeking wisdom to craft strategies and plans that bring success and unity. Being able to unite and influence people and talk your way out of conflict is essential for a leader.

The **Elekés** (*beaded necklaces*) and **Idé** (*beaded bracelets*) for **Ẓàngó** are traditionally red with alternating white beads. According to a **Patakí** (*oral narrative or parable*), this color combination originates from a story where Ẓàngó rescued his close friend **Obàtálà** from imprisonment. In gratitude, Obàtálà shared his **Funfun** essence (*symbolizing purity and wisdom*) with Ẓàngó. As a result, Ẓàngó is always depicted with red and white colors.

The symbolism of this combination reflects the qualities of an ideal leader: one must possess not only the courage and fierceness represented by **Pupa** (*red*) but also the calmness and clarity of thought symbolized by **Funfun** (*white*). Together, these traits enable effective leadership and strategic thinking.

Offerings to Şàngó include:

- Orógbó (*bitter kola nuts*)
- Epo Pupa (*red palm oil*)
- Alcohol like rum, gin, and red wine
- Fruits like red apples and pomegranates
- Tobacco leaf and cigars
- Roasted beans
- Okra
- Àmàlà (*made of yam, cassava flour, or unripe plantain flour*)
- Gúgúrú and epa (*snack made of spicy popcorn and groundnuts*)
- Hot and spicy foods

Ògún also belongs to the class of spiritual forces known as "**Pupa**," meaning "red," representing fierce and passionate energy. As a deity of law and order, Ògún is a warrior and protector who defends against harmful spiritual forces. He counters **Ajogún**, which brings misfortunes like disease and accidents, and **Elénìní**, which burdens the mind with fear, anxiety, and other mental struggles. While challenging, these negative spiritual influences serve a purpose as counterbalances to positive energies. They emerge to forcefully correct your course when you deviate from your destined path, using discomfort—or even misery, if necessary—to encourage you to seek spiritual guidance and realign with your destiny.

Ògún is a grounding and stabilizing force, essential for spiritual growth and progress. We call upon Ògún for protection and assistance with challenging tasks. However, his blessings come with conditions: Ògún demands truthfulness, ethical behavior, and a commitment to hard work as prerequisites for his support.

The **Elekés** (*beaded necklaces*) and **Idé** (*beaded bracelets*) dedicated to Ògún are traditionally crafted using alternating green and black beads, symbolizing the dark, metallic essence of iron. In some traditions, additional colors such as a shade of red—representing red palm oil, one of Ògún's favorites—or bright blue—symbolizing the intense heat of a flame—may also be included to honor his diverse attributes.

At times, a divination reading may suggest an **Ebó** (*sacrifice or offering*) to temper Ògún's intense energy. In such cases, more soothing items like kola nuts, yams, palm wine, honey, and fruit may be called to calm his forceful warrior nature.

Offerings to Ògún are chosen to resonate with and enhance his fiery warrior-like "**Pupa**" temperament or encourage his hard-working nature to help us accomplish some tasks.

Offerings to Ògún include:

- Kola nut
- Orógbó (*bitter kola nuts*)

- Palm wine, rum, and gin
- Hot and spicy bean stew
- Plantains and bananas
- Cigars (*especially black in color*)
- Smoked fish
- Pomegranate seeds and grapes
- Roasted / Pounded yam
- Salt and Tarragon herb
- Epo Pupa (*red palm oil*)
- Variety of hot and spicy peppers, such as jalapeño, serrano, cayenne, habanero, chili, and alligator peppers.

How do we stay aligned with our destinies in 2025?

To navigate our destinies, we must understand the advice from these two Odù:

- **Ọ̀wọ̀nrín'rosù** (*also known as Ọ̀wọ̀nrín Ìrosùn*) for **Iré** (*good fortune*).
- **Oṣomina** (*also known as Ọ̀sé Ogbè*) for **Ibi** (*bad fortune*).

Ọ̀wọ̀nrín'rosù (*also known as Ọ̀wọ̀nrín Ìrosùn*) for **Iré** (*good fortune*) emphasizes the importance of tuning into your dreams and intuition, as these are key channels through which your departed ancestors communicate and guide you. Their assistance is essential for manifesting **Iré**, so it's important to honor their memory regularly through ancestor worship.

With **Ọ̀wọ̀nrín** on the right leg of the Odù, the focus is on the importance of **correct thinking**—avoiding hasty decisions, being mindful of your actions, and considering their consequences carefully. **Ọ̀wọ̀nrín** always insists that we be present in the moment in a state of calm anticipation and not be dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. Neglecting this advice can lead to your life unraveling and facing unnecessary hardship.

Ìrosùn, on the left leg of the Odù, serves as a reminder of the adage, “**measure twice, cut once**,” emphasizing the need for careful planning and precision to avoid missteps that could require starting over. **Ìrosùn** implies that good fortune can be ours so long as we're not responding in a knee-jerk fashion, but rather, thinking before we act, being aware of what flows from our consciousness to correct detrimental behavior lest we experience public shame.

Ọ̀wọ̀nrín'rosù thus carries the potential for dramatic change. However, as it holds the energy of **Iré** (*good fortune*), it reassures us that even if life appears to be unraveling, it's essential not to resist the process. This unraveling can serve as a form of radical cleansing, creating space for the fresh start you need, even if it isn't immediately apparent.

Sometimes, the disruptions we experience are exactly what lead us to new opportunities and better outcomes.

Ifá highlights the importance of humility and discretion through **Ọwónrín'rosù**, reminding us that God empowers us to achieve our goals. However, it cautions against boasting about our plans, as this may provoke opposition or attract negative feedback. Additionally, Ifá teaches us to avoid stubbornness; when something is not meant to be, we must recognize it and move forward with grace.

This Odù also emphasizes gratitude, teaching us to give thanks to God before making further requests. As the saying goes, "**A child who gives thanks for yesterday's help will surely receive more.**" By cultivating gratitude, we open the path for our blessings to multiply.

Verse:

*Ọrúnmìlà says Bara Àgbònnìrègún says we should give thanks
Ifá says if the rat wakes and gives thanks, its life shall be preserved
If the fish wakes and gives thanks, its life shall be preserved
If the bird wakes and gives thanks, its life shall be preserved
If the animal wakes and gives thanks, its life shall be preserved
If the human wakes and gives thanks, its life shall be preserved
I give thanks and receive favor
Ọwónrín'rosù, I give thanks*

Oṣomina (also known as **Ọsẹ Ogbè**) when aligned with "**Ibi**" (*bad fortune*) delivers a vital warning: steer clear of individuals who exhibit harmful behavior or harbor negative intentions, as their influence can lead you astray. While cultivating **Ìwa-Pẹlẹ** (*a kind and gentle character*) is foundational, it is equally important to practice discernment in your relationships. Surround yourself with people of integrity and good intentions, and maintain a healthy distance from those driven by selfish or harmful motives.

When this Odù carries the energy of "**Ibi**," temptation becomes a significant challenge, making it especially difficult to resist negative influences. This is why it's essential to avoid close interactions with individuals exhibiting poor behavior, particularly those with dominant personalities that make it hard for you to say no. Protecting yourself from such influences is critical to staying true to your destiny. Additionally, be cautious, as these individuals may also exploit your services without providing fair compensation.

Lastly, Oṣomina warns against egotism and taking ourselves too seriously, as this can foster a false sense of superiority over others. Such an inflated ego not only damages our personal growth but also creates divisions and strains relationships with those we care about.

Dafá (*Ifá Oracle Divination*) was consulted to provide guidance on six key areas of life: destiny, health, success, relationships, family, and victory over difficulties. Health was further categorized into three distinct aspects: physical, psychological, and spiritual.

- **Destiny:** Ọsá'Túrá (*also known as Ọsá Ọtúrá*)
- **Health:**
 - Physical: Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀-Tutu (*also known as Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀ Ọ̀túrúpòn*)
 - Psychological: Ọ̀fún-Túrá (*also known as Ọ̀fún Ọ̀túrá*)
 - Spiritual: Ọsá'Gbè (*also known as Ọsá Ogbè*)
- **Success:** Ọ̀gúndábèdè (*also known as Ọ̀gúndá Ogbè*)
- **Relationships:** Egúntán'şé (*also known as Ọ̀gúndá Ọ̀sé*)
- **Family / Inner circle:** Ọsá-Rẹ̀tẹ̀ (*also known as Ọsá Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀*)
- **Victory over difficulties:** ÈjìOgbè (*also known as Ogbè Meji*).

Destiny: Ọsá'Túrá (*also known as Ọsá Ọtúrá*)

Think of "destiny" as a navigation map imprinted on the crown of your head, where your **Orí** (*consciousness*) resides—a divine blueprint guiding you toward the experiences your soul seeks for spiritual growth. The Odù teaches us that this area of life may face sudden and needed changes, requiring calmness and clarity in our responses.

Ọsá'Túrá emphasizes the importance of truthfulness. Speaking the truth is its essence, and we must be honest with everyone, including ourselves. Avoid embracing falsehoods, no matter how much you might admire someone. A wise person pauses to evaluate what is being said, choosing discernment over blind acceptance.

Ultimately, Ọsá'Túrá encourages you to "**be yourself**" and "**own your destiny**." It warns against the tendency to shape your life based on others' opinions rather than living authentically in alignment with the destiny path intended for you.

Health:

Physical health: Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀-Tutu (*also known as Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀ Ọ̀túrúpòn*).

In the context of physical health, the Odù highlights the influence of our genetic makeup. Our constitution—our physical build and predispositions—is largely inherited from our ancestors, and by understanding our family history, we can identify susceptibilities to certain diseases.

As **Ìrẹ̀tẹ̀** signifies "*conquering good fortune*," it reminds us that our health is shaped by our actions. By taking care of ourselves and recognizing patterns in how our blood relatives passed away, we can take proactive steps to prevent premature death. As the

saying goes, “*Your body is your temple.*” Respecting and caring for it is essential to maintaining good health. This involves understanding your body, setting boundaries for what you can safely consume, and adapting to its changing needs as you age.

The presence of **Òtúrúpòn** on the left leg of the Odù offers guidance on addressing health concerns. The word **Òtúrúpòn** combines “**Òtú**,” meaning “*endurance*,” and “**pòn**,” meaning “*to manifest truth*.” This teaches us to commit to regular exercise to build strength and fitness while being honest about our genetic susceptibilities. Acknowledging these truths allows us to take preventative measures and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

Your **ancestors** are valuable allies to your health, serving as guiding lights toward better physical health and well-being. Additionally, the presence of Ọ̀bàrà on the right leg of the main Odù for the year, Ọ̀bàrà’dí, connects you with **Egúngún**—the collective consciousness of your Ancestral Spirits. This confirms the vital role of ancestral wisdom in guiding and supporting you in matters of health and overall well-being.

Psychological health: Ọ̀fún-Túrá (also known as **Ọ̀fún Ọ̀túrá**) as it pertains to our mental and emotional well-being.

Ọ̀fún translates to “*give out whiteness*,” symbolizing enlightenment or coming to some realization. It reminds us that “*Ifá is sweeter than honey*,” meaning our destiny is inherently designed to lead to happiness, and each of us is the author of that destiny. If we are dissatisfied with our lives, Ọ̀fún encourages us to reflect and ask ourselves why.

Ọ̀fún-Túrá teaches the importance of appreciating everything in our lives, especially the small things we often take for granted because they come too easily. For example, when offering honey, have you ever considered what it took to produce it? The tireless work of honeybees and the efforts of those who harvested and packaged it? By making a profound connection to the journey of that honey into your hands, your offering gains deeper power and meaning, infused with understanding and gratitude for the sacrifices involved; that is when the offering yields results.

This Odù also emphasizes relationships as central to our mental and emotional well-being. It encourages us to socialize, form meaningful friendships, and develop empathy and appreciation for others’ struggles. Building connections requires us to genuinely relate to others, fostering mutual understanding and support.

Ọ̀gún plays a vital role in this lesson, as this Ọ̀riṣà is often portrayed as a solitary figure. According to a **Patakí** (oral narrative or parable), Ọ̀gún worked tirelessly to advance civilization, but the lack of gratitude from humankind drove him into the forest in disillusionment. It was Ọ̀ṣun, the deity of love who eventually found Ọ̀gún and lured him back with an offering of honey. Ọ̀gún, who understood the immense effort it took to create honey, appreciated the gesture and returned.

This story teaches us the transformative power of gratitude and the importance of recognizing and valuing the contributions of others—whether they be people, animals, or spiritual forces. By cultivating appreciation in our relationships and daily lives, we honor both the sacrifices of others and our own interconnectedness. Our mental and emotional well-being is depended on it.

Spiritual health: Ọsá’Gbè (*also known as Ọsá Ogbè*)

As the highest Odù among the three health-related categories—**physical, psychological, and spiritual**—**Ọsá’Gbè** highlights the vital need for a holistic approach to health. When any one of these aspects is neglected, it disrupts the balance, ultimately affecting overall well-being.

Overemphasizing material or temporal concerns can lead to a loss of spiritual and emotional equilibrium. Striving for perfection or overthinking situations often results in disappointment. Instead, Ọsá’Gbè teaches us to go with the flow, remain open to new experiences, and trust that life’s journey will bring unexpected joys. While we may not always have all the answers, faith and trust in the unfolding of events allow us to navigate challenges with grace, gaining the wisdom needed for spiritual growth.

This Odù also encourages us to take time for reflection and use spiritual insights to savor life’s simple joys. True fulfillment, it reminds us, lies in living harmoniously with both our inner selves and the outer world. By nurturing all three dimensions of health—physical, psychological, and spiritual—we lay a strong foundation for lasting well-being, balance, and harmony in our lives.

Success: Ọgúndábèdé (*also known as Ọgúndá Ogbè*)

Ọgúndábèdé is an Odù that highlights the combined energies of **Ọgún** and **Obàtálà**, two Ọriṣà identified in **Dafá** (*Ifá Oracle Divination*) as key guides for the year. Ọgún, associated with the fiery and dynamic **Pupa** (*red*) temperament, embodies the spirit of a hard-working warrior. Obàtálà, linked to the calm and reflective **Funfun** (*white*) temperament, provides clarity of mind and wisdom. This Odù calls for balancing these two energies: the boldness and determination of Ọgún to fight and compete for what you want, alongside the foresight and logical reasoning of Obàtálà to recognize opportunities and solve problems effectively.

Proverb: "The machete that clears the path will find its way forward."

The machete, a tool associated with Ọgún, symbolizes the power of diligent effort and self-determination. This proverb encourages individuals to take charge of their circumstances, work persistently, and trust that their consistent efforts will lead to their desired outcomes. Just as a machete clears dense undergrowth to carve a path forward, a person who is persistent and proactive can overcome obstacles and achieve success.

It underscores the necessity of action, resilience, and self-reliance in navigating life's challenges and competitions.

Ògún, as the Òrìṣà of law and order, demands truthfulness, ethical behavior, and a strong commitment to hard work as prerequisites for his support. Cutting corners or acting with bad character risks losing Ògún's favor. Success under Ògúndábèdè requires not only determination and effort but also adherence to moral principles and a steadfast character. Balancing these energies ensures the ability to clear a path forward and achieve meaningful progress in life.

Relationships: Egúntán'şé (also known as Ògúndá Òsé)

Egúntán'şé blends the diligent, hard-working energy of **Ògún** with the joyful, carefree influence of **Ọṣun**, offering a lesson in maintaining balance within long-lasting relationships. Successful partnerships require harmony of these two opposing energies: Ògún demands loyalty, truthfulness, and a willingness to work on the relationship, while Ọṣun expects love, joy, and readiness to embrace fun and spontaneity.

The daily grind of life, represented by **Ògúndá**, often consumes our attention, leaving little time for meaningful connection. However, **Òsé** reminds us of the importance of carving out quality moments to nurture our relationships. Simple acts like a date night or shared laughter can reignite joy and deepen bonds, making space for love amid life's demands.

Finally, **Egúntán'şé** warns against making baseless accusations that could erode trust and damage your relationship. As a verse from this Odù advises, "*It is better to leave the son of an honorable man unpunished.*" This wisdom emphasizes the importance of trusting others unless there is clear evidence of wrongdoing. By embracing these teachings, we can build relationships that are both enduring and fulfilling.

Family / Inner circle (friends): Ọsá-Rẹtẹ (also known as Ọsá Iretẹ)

Ọsá-Rẹtẹ heralds transformative changes within your inner circle, bringing opportunities for the manifestation of **Iré** (*good fortune*). As the agent of change, **Ọsá** should be embraced, particularly when life feels stagnant, lacking in opportunities, or when we find ourselves stuck. The recurring presence of **Ọsá** in the 2025 reading, including for your destiny, signals that it will be a year of significant transformation for everyone.

A verse from this Odù states, "***If the one who sleeps alone sleeps badly, only God can wake him up.***" This reminds us that if someone in your inner circle is struggling, worrying about the future, and losing sleep, they should turn to their faith for solace and guidance. A "*personal divination*" would provide them with the much-needed guidance they require.

Remember that **Ìrètè** urges us to respond positively, driving us to create our own **Iré**—good fortune. It also serves as a "*calling card*" for those not on a spiritual path, reminding them that spirituality is essential for maintaining harmony in their lives. **Ìrètè** is not only about "*conquering good fortune*"; it's also about persevering through failures and setbacks. We may stumble and fall but must rise and keep moving forward. This is the essence of how **Ìrètè** works—you are rewarded for your perseverance.

Rest assured that the transformation promised for your loved ones will open them up to receive **Iré** (*good fortune*).

* See also explanation of the Odù, **Òwónrín'rosù** (*also known as Òwónrín Ìrosùn*).

Victory over difficulties: ÈjìOgbè (*also known as Ogbè Meji*)

ÈjìOgbè, *also known as Ogbè Meji*, is the most senior Odù among the 256, symbolizing "*lifting both hands to the heavens to receive both the good and the bad*." It serves as a profound reminder that life's challenges, though often difficult, are essential for our spiritual and emotional growth. Within the theme of "*victory over difficulties*," ÈjìOgbè teaches us to embrace the duality of life—learning and evolving through both its joys and struggles.

The essence of ÈjìOgbè lies in its call to accept life's experiences fully, symbolized by raising both hands to the heavens. This Odù reminds us that growth comes from embracing all aspects of life. A proverb associated with ÈjìOgbè states, "**Those who desire rain must also accept the mud,**" highlighting the need for perspective and resilience, and the understanding that perfection is unattainable.

ÈjìOgbè emphasizes the importance of **Sùúrù** (*patience*) to help process life's events without becoming overwhelmed. As the embodiment of pure light, it teaches that while darkness hinders vision, so does staring directly into bright light—balance and moderation are key.

The **snail**, sacred to **Obàtálà** and born under this Odù, symbolizes the virtue of taking life at a deliberate pace. It reminds us that understanding, wisdom, and growth require time and cannot be rushed. Even adversity offers valuable lessons that contribute to personal development.

Closely tied to Obàtálà, ÈjìOgbè represents clarity of mind, intellect, and discernment. Obàtálà, associated with *Funfun* energy (*white, pure, and calm*), calls for mindfulness and positivity. To align with this energy, purity of mind and heart is essential.

In the context of overcoming difficulties, ÈjìOgbè suggests that the challenges we face are not physical but intellectual in nature—manifesting as mental blocks or challenges requiring logical, thoughtful solutions. Through patience, perspective, and clarity, ÈjìOgbè guides us toward victory over these internal obstacles, illuminating the path to wisdom and growth.

Dafá (*Ifá Oracle Divination*) was also consulted to determine the supporting energies to help us maximize our potential and get the most out of **Òbàrà'dí**, the Odù for the year.

- **ÈjìOgbè** is the Odù that gives us the best direction.
 - * See above explanation for “*victory over difficulties*”.

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Happy New Year & Blessings to you all