

WOMEN IN YORUBA RELIGION

A BOOK WRITTEN BY OLATUNJI MUYIWA SOMORIN

THE BOOK ANALYSE THE CONCEPT OF WOMEN BY EXAMINING THE DIFFERENT "HEAD TIES" THAT ADORES WOMEN, NAMELY AS MOTHERS, WIVES, AND AS A SPIRITUAL ENTITY CALLED IYAMIS. ODU IFA, THE YORUBA SACRED SCRIPTURES, THE TOTAL BODY OF INSTRUCTION OF OLODUMARE(GOD IN YORUBA BELIEVE) IS THE BASIS FOR ALL REPRESENTATIONS.

IN THE BOOK, YOU WILL LEARN AND KNOW:

1. THE POWER, UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANT AND MYSTERIOUS ROLES OF WOMEN IN IFA-ORISA(YORUBA) TRADITION.
2. THAT WOMEN SUBJUGATION OR DOMINATION BY MEN IS NOT ONLY ALIEN TO YORUBA, BUT ALSO HAS NO BASIS IN YORUBA RELIGION.
3. THAT THE YORUBA PLACES MORE EMPHASIS ON THE STATE OF PERFECTLY OR HARMONIOUSLY ALIGNED POSITION WITH ALL CREATURES BY CONSIDERING THE MICRO AND MACRO NATURE, STATE AND TENDENCIES OF EVERYTHING ALL THE TIME.
4. THE DIFFERENT RITES OF PASSAGES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN YORUBA RELIGION ESPECIALLY IFA INITIATION FOR BOTH SEXES IN ADDITION TO LEARNING IFA TEXTS AND LEADING OR PARTAKING IN ALL IFA RITUALS EXCEPT SEEING ODU BY WOMEN.
5. THE DISTINCT, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND COMPLIMENTARY ROLES OF AN IYANIFA AND A BABALAWO.

SOME PREPARATIONS TO TAP INTO THE ENERGIES OF IYAMI WERE ALSO MENTIONED.

EVERY READER WILL BE INSPIRED BY THE ANCIENT WISDOM FROM THE ODU IFA USED.

THE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THE SACRED TEXT ARE THE NEAREST IN MEANING IN THE AUTHORS OPINION AND MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THE BEST.

THIS IS A RECIPE TO MEND OUR BROKEN WORLD.

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