

Biography



Greetings, I am Baba Ifakayode Ogunlana (born Kyle J Johnson). I am an Ifa priest, spiritual teacher, yogi, healer, detoxification specialist, Ifa diviner, and numerologist. I am devoted to the path of Ifa and specialize in teaching universal methods of spiritual awakening at the heart of the Ifa tradition. As an ardent spiritual aspirant and teacher, I seek to inspire an understanding of the universality of spiritual wisdom found in the Yoruba religion and other authentic spiritual paths and advocate an internal approach to practicing Ifa. My mission as an Ifa priest and spiritual teacher is to contribute to the evolution and expansion of Isese by reconnecting the New World expression of Ifa with its primordial roots.

Due to my African-American heritage, I became interested in African-centered education, eventually leading to my discovery and involvement in the Ifa tradition. In 2010, I was initiated into Ifa at the Ifa Foundation by Oluwo Philip John Neimark and Iyanifa Olufadeke Vassa Neimark. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Africana studies and a Bachelor of Science in Holistic Health Sciences. Interested in the relationship between spirituality and psychology, I centered my education in Africana studies around the relationship between Traditional African Religion and psychological health. Learning of the connection between body, mind, and spirit, I furthered my education in holistic health sciences to address the community's growing need for health and wellness.

Through my passion for health, I integrate knowledge of holistic health as an integral component of my teachings as an Ifa Priest, thus inspiring aspirants to live healthier lives by making simple but effective diet and lifestyle changes. I am the author of a series of courses and teachings centered around "Internal" or "Inner" Ifa. The teachings of Internal Ifa promote the idea that transformation begins within and that discovering the essence of human consciousness is at the center of any lasting change in life. I advocate an integrative approach to practicing Ifa such that every dimension of life becomes integral to spiritual evolution.