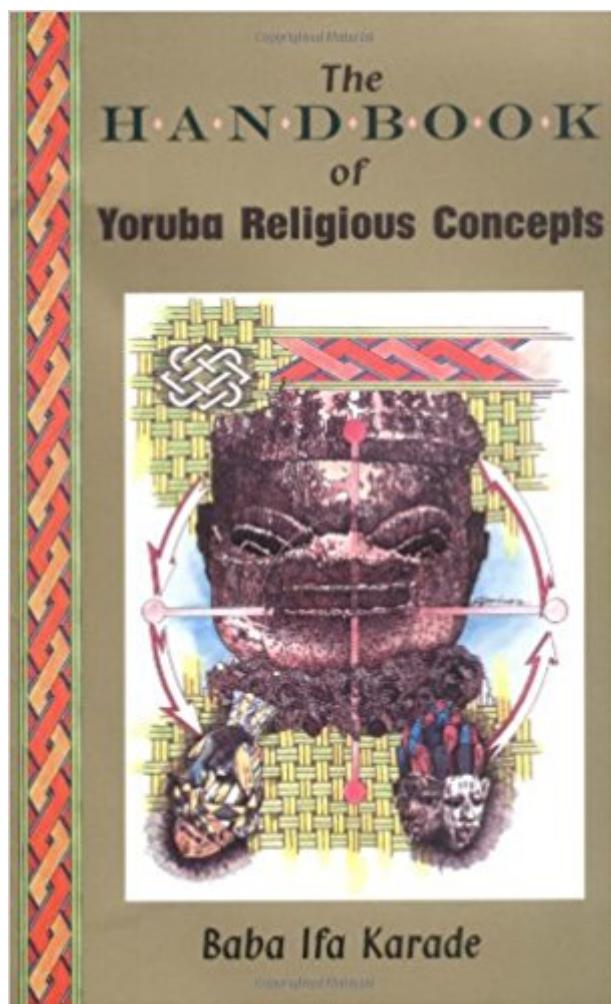


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# The Handbook Of Yoruba Religious Concepts



## **Synopsis**

In this introductory volume, Baba Ifa Karade provides an easily understandable overview of the Yoruba religion. He describes 16 orisha and shows us how to work with divination, to use the chakras to internalize the teachings of Yoruba, and describes howto create a sacred place of worship. Includes prayers, dances, songs, offerings, and sacrifices to honor the orisha and egun. Illustrations, charts, glossary, bibliography, and index.

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Yoruba religion has a direct link to a substantial segment of American society for . . . ``the greatest percentage of Africans enslaved for the New World labor came from the Yoruba nation'' of Nigeria, West Africa. Author Karade traces the concepts of the Yoruba religion through its entrance into the Americas via Haiti, Puerto Rico, Brazil and Cuba. Variations such as Santeria and Voodun have accumulated some negative connotations, but Karade maintains persuasively that ``Yoruba religion is not a cult nor is it 'occult,' but rather a divine journey to the inner self and to God-consciousness.'' Readers of this straightforward text will find familiar concepts such as angels and even an elevated stature comparable to that of the ``son of God'' in the person of Orunmila, the prophet of Yoruba religion. Further, the text compares Yoruban religious concepts to those of other religions in order to make understanding the tradition even easier. Prayers and rituals (e.g., herbal baths, etc.) complete this interesting handbook. Illustrated. Copyright 1994 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

This book is a portal into Yoruba religious life and history. I am incredibly grateful that Baba Ifa Karade wrote this book and that I was able to learn from it. Seeing into somebody else's life is a wonderful thing, and now I can teach others who may not understand what Yoruba religion is, or who have misconceptions about how Yoruba people live and see themselves. Great read and very informative!

This was my first book and education in understanding Yoruba and I believe it was a great start. Broke down the religion, about each Orisha, and their sacrifices.

Excellent. I wanted to learn much more about Yoruba, and I have. I knew very little and now my knowledge has expanded a great deal. Its a great read. Simple and powerful. Get it. Thank you Obatala.

Powerful, Informative, Well-written, Instructional, full of details, a MUST HAVE.

Great book and reference material. I love this book, It gave you a lot of information and history into the Yoruba religion. I love that it had references that you could then look up for yourself, I loved the pictures and the detailed charts as well as prayers for each orisha! This book will be one of my go to's from now on.

This book was a great intro to the African and 'New world ' spiritual traditions of Ifa, it's a must read.

This has got to be the very best literature out there on this subject

This book has helped me in so many ways. I actually bought it twice and gifted it to my mother.

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