

Orixá Spirits

YEMANJÁ (Lemanjá, Janáina) Amerindian female spirit of the sea and of most of the other Orixás; Protectress of homes; Yoruban spirit Lemanjá.

Syncretism: Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Our Lady of Compassion); Virgin Mary
Salutation: Odoiyá
Names: Dandalunda, Pandá
Day: Saturday
Colors: White and light blue
Realm: Sea and fishing
Metal: Silver Instrument: Abebé (a silver fan)
Sign: Pisces

OXALÁ OXALUFAN Lord of the Sky The orixá and the next one are different aspects of the same spirit, on is young and the other is older

Syncretism: Jesus, Lord of Bonfim (Good Ending, associated with Bonfim's church in Salvador)
Salutation: Epa Baba Exe Ê
Names: Oxalufan (the old Oxalá)
Day: Friday
Colors: White
Realm: The creation of the Universe
Metal: Tin, silver, platinum
Instrument: Opaxorô (cane)
Sign: Lion

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Names: Oxaguian (the young Oxalá)
Day: Friday
Colors: White
Realm: The creation of the Universe, the sky, procreation
Metal: Tin, silver, platinum
Instrument: Sword and Ossun (pestle) of silver
Sign: Lion

OXÓSSI (Oxóce, Oshosi, Ochosi, Ososi, Oxosi, or Osawsi) King of the Forest, Master of Animals and Plants

Syncretism: St. George
Salutation: Okê Arô
Names: Ibulamo, Gogobira
Day: Thursday
Colors: Green or blue
Realm: Forests, the hunt
Metal: Brass
Instrument: Ofá
Sign: Libra

YANSÃ (Iansan, Iansã, Yansan) Female spirit of winds and storms; impulsive, a warrior, passionate and adventuresome; bisexual.

Syncretism: St. Barbara
Salutation: Êparrei Yansã
Names: Oiá Yansã, Matamba
Day: Wednesday
Colors: Red and Black
Realm: Rain, winds and storms
Metal: Copper
Instrument: Dagger Eruexim (duster made of an ox-tail)
Sign: Sagittarius

NANÃ (Nanan) Female spirit of rain, spirit of creation, life and death

Syncretism: Nossa Senhora de Santana (Our Lady of Santana); St. Anne
Salutation: Saluba
Names: Nanã Burucu
Day: Saturday
Colors: Purple light
Realm: The waters of swamps
Instrument: Ibiri (a woven and curved wand)
Sign: Scorpio

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OSSAIN (Ozain, Osain, Osanyin) Lord of Magic Potions

Syncretism:
Salutation: Eu Eô
Names: Ossanha, Ossanhê, Catende
Day: Saturday
Colors: Green
Realm: Herbs and medicines
Instrument: Seven iron prongs with a dove in the middle

OMOLÚ Male spirit of smallpox, and illness in general

Syncretism: St. Lazarus, St. Roch
Salutation: Atôtô Baluaê
Names: Obaluaîê , Xampanã
Day: Monday
Colors: White, black and red
Realm: Health and diseases (guide for the dead, god of the inside of the Earth)
Instrument: Xaxará (a stiff woven wand)
Sign: Capricorn

OGUM (Ogoun, Ogun) God of War and Pathways

Syncretism: St. Anthony (Sr. Jorge)
Salutation: Ogunyiê
Names: Gun, Sumbo, Mutacalombo
Day: Tuesday
Colors: Dark blue
Realm: Paths, war
Metal: Iron
Instrument: Obé (iron sword)
Sign: Aries

LOGUNEDÉ Prince of the forests. Six months of the year it is male, other six months is female.

Syncretism: St. Expedito
Salutation: Lossi, Lossi, Logun
Names: Logun, Congobila
Day: Saturday and Thursday
Colors: Blue and yellow
Realm: Forests and waterfalls
Metal: Brass
Instrument: Abebé (mirror) of Oxum and Ofá (bow and arrow) of Oxossi
Sign: Taurus and Libra

XANGÔ (Shangó, Changó), Lord of Justice, lightning and thunder

Syncretism: St. Jerome
Salutation: Kawô Kabiesilé
Names: Sogbo, Kibuco
Day: Wednesday
Colors: Red and white
Realm: Fire and Justice
Instrument: Oxé (two sided hatchet)
Sign: Sagittarius

OXUMARÉ (Ochumare, Oshumare)

Syncretism: St. Bartolomeu
Salutation: Arro Bo Boi
Names: N Tyana, Dambalah
Day: Tuesday
Colors: The rainbow colors
Realm: The rainbow, snakes
Instrument: Iron snake
Sign: Aquarius

EXÚ (Eshu, Esu) Guardian of temples, houses, cities and persons Eshu is the messenger between the human and divine worlds, god of duality, crossroads and beginnings, and also a phallic and fertility god (a god of life) and the deliverer of souls to the underworld (a god of death). Eshu is recognized as a trickster and child-like. He is a median spirit, a messenger of higher spirits, good and evil.

Syncretism: St. Gabriel; in umbanda he is Satan or the Devil.
Salutation: Laroê Exú
Names: Exú-Elegbá, Exú-Alaketo
Day: Monday
Colors: Red and Black
Realm: Virility
Instrument: Bludgeon (Ogo) short stick that has one thick end and is used as a weapon
Sign: Scorpio

OBÁ Warrior Queen (Shango's wife, divinity of marriage and domesticity, daughter of lemanja)

Syncretism: Nossa Senhora das Neves (Our Lady of Neves), St. Joan of Arc
Salutation: Obá Xirê
Names: Obá is the Yoruban female spirit of the river Obá
Day: Saturday
Colors: Red and white
Realm: Water falls, rivers
Metal: Copper
Instrument: Spear and shield
Sign: Virgo