
"After a brief introduction to Yoruba cosmology, the author analyzes representations associated with the main components of the human person. Ara (the body) refers to the set of physical elements. The "spiritual" components the most important are: èmi, (the soul), orí (the inner head) and esé (the leg). Èmi, imperishable element, is created by Olódùmarè (the Supreme Being). That is, in every individual, a parcel of "divine breath". Orí (the inner head) is associated with personal destiny. Every human being chooses it freely before coming into the world. Esé (the leg) represents the activity and the power. This is the element that allows you to update the potentialities received with the orí. The analysis is based on poetic texts extracted of the oral literature relating to Ifá (Yoruba divinatory system)."


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