

SANTERIA TODAY



Santeria today is practiced worldwide, primarily in Cuba, the US, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic.

The images above are from the festival of Maria Lionza in Venezuela, where thousands of followers pay homage to their goddess by performing cleansings, smoking tobacco, and receiving spirits for demonstrations of possession.

THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL TODAY

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| 1. Judah (American Blacks) | 7. Reuben (Seminole Indians) |
| 2. Benjamin (West Indian Blacks) | 8. Gad (Native - American Indians) |
| 3. Levi (Haitians) | 9. Naphtali (Argentina & Chile) |
| 4. Ephraim (Puerto Ricans) | 10. Zebulon (Guatemala to Panama) |
| 5. Manasseh (Cubans) | 11. Asher (Colombia to Uruguay) |
| 6. Simeon (Dominicans) | 12. Issachar (Mexicans/Aztecs) |

ISAIAH 11:11 * SCATTERED IN AFRICA AND ABROAD

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THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTERIA WITCHCRAFT & SPIRITISM



Santeria is a syncretic religion that originated in West Africa and has its roots in Yoruba religion. The Yoruba people were brought to Cuba as slaves, and they combined their native beliefs, such as veneration of ancestors and the spirits of dead chiefs, with Catholic practices. Santeria was practiced mainly by descendants of the Yoruba people, but it has now spread throughout the world.

Exodus 20:3-5

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SANTERIA

EGUN EGUN

Ancient Kemet
Egun Egun
Yoruba
Egun Egun



Santería has three basic approaches to the world of the spirits: The first is the way of values, or by honoring ancestors or the "egun;" Practitioners believe that the dead must be treated with respect, awe, and kindness and are "consulted" at all ceremonies.

Mark 12:27

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living; ye therefore do greatly err.

Second, the way of power, or direct relationship with spiritual beings, the orishas; telling or divination. The Yoruba deities were meshed with the Catholic saints as a means of keeping the old religion alive, giving the orishas new names.



Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!



Third, the way of order, or by way of fortune telling or divination. Several forms of divination are used, including Ifá, to decipher messages from the orishas. This may be done by casting, throwing, or dropping cowrie shells, or their special chain like necklaces and interpreting the message.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

¹⁰ There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

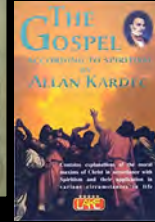
¹¹ Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

¹² For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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Allan Kardec was a French translator, teacher, philosopher and writer, considered the systemizer of the Spiritism doctrine. Kardec was the author of several books which contain studies in which different points of the spiritism doctrine are developed. His goal was to prove materially the existence of the spirit world.

Ecclesiastes 9:5

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

SANTERIA IS THE WORSHIP OF WOMEN

More and more women, probably now numbering more than men, act as priests of Santería. These are the ones who conduct the asiento or initiation into the religion. Powerful women have always been at the center of Santería. "Historically, culturally and liturgically speaking, Santería has always been a religion that honors women and upholds their importance in society. Some of the most important and pivotal figures in the history of Santería have been women. Women shaped the way the religion evolved in the new world. Women preserved the lore of the religion by passing on the secrets of the ceremonies, sacred songs, and the lexicon of information found in the divination systems. Plainly put, Santería is a women's religion."



Ecclesiasticus 25:24

Of the woman came the beginning of sin, and through her we all die.