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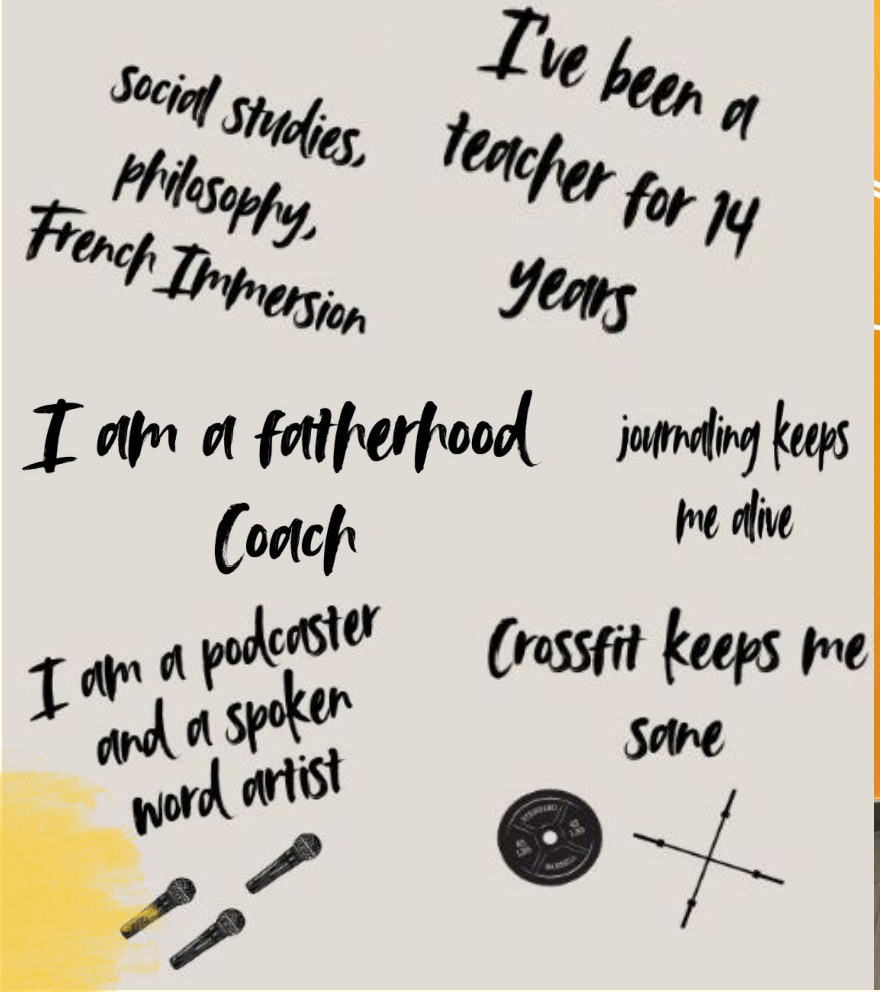
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Mystery over Mastery

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Who is my name?

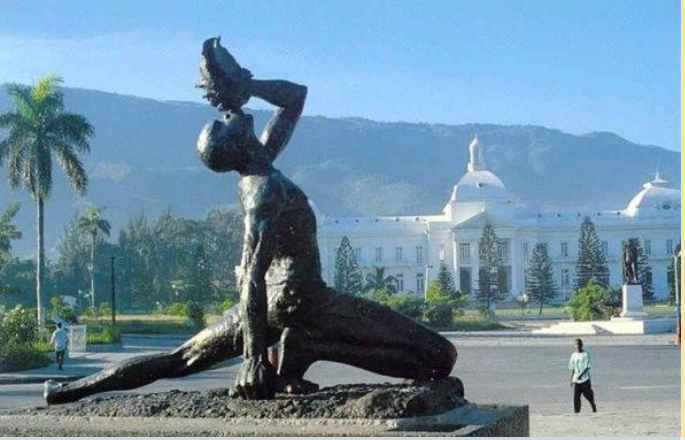




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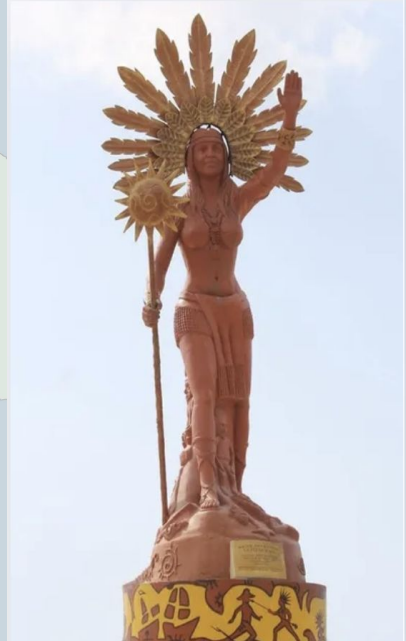
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COMOX
Coast Salish languages


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BBC one





Million Dollars but...

You have to install (right at the top of your head, by your hairline) a red LED light that lights up every time you have a negative thought.





Million Dollars but...

You also get the greatest dog in the entire world. It does whatever you want and it can talk - but no one else in the world can see or hear this dog. You can’t prove in any way that it exists, and if you ever ignore it intentionally it loses the ability to talk

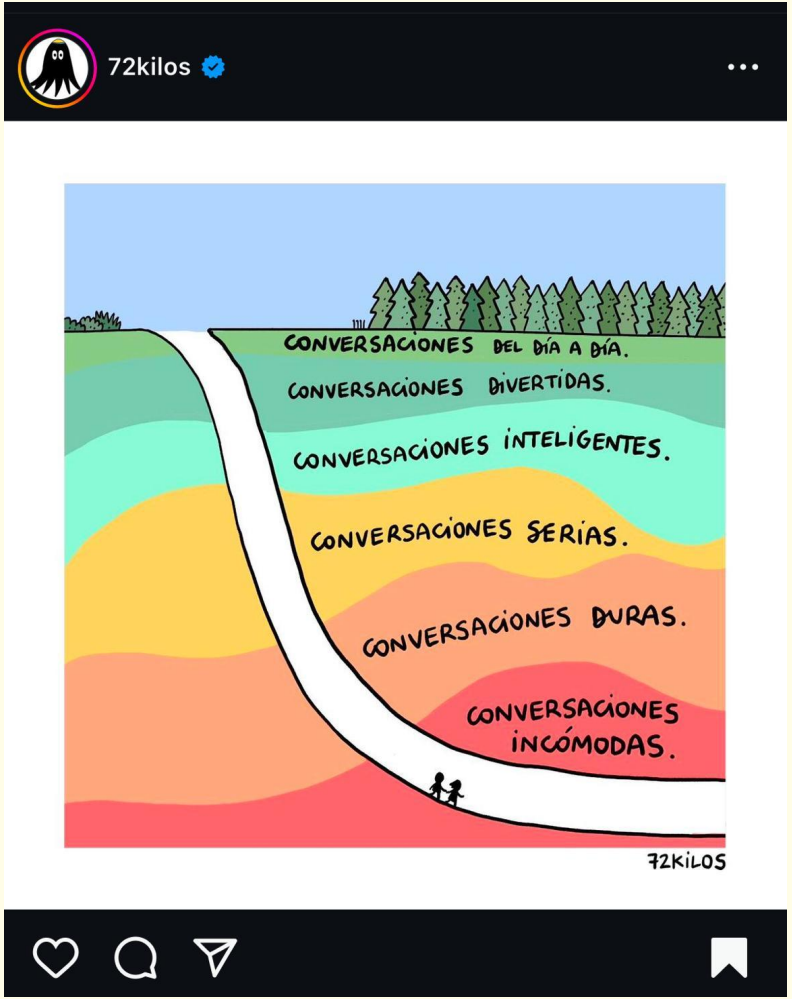
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Personal

Relational

Transformational

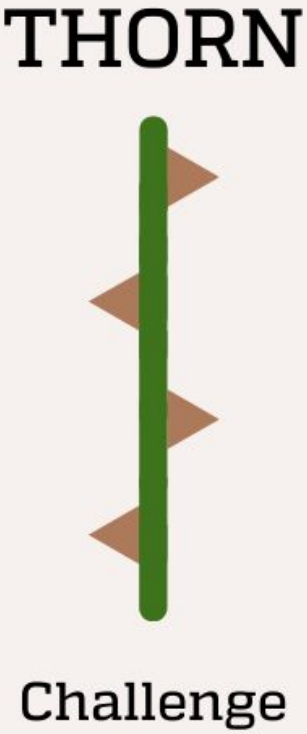
Levels of conversation



Thorn

something unpleasant/difficult/ that's going on for you

- What happened?
- Label your feelings?
- What support could you use?



Bud

Something that you're looking forward to…

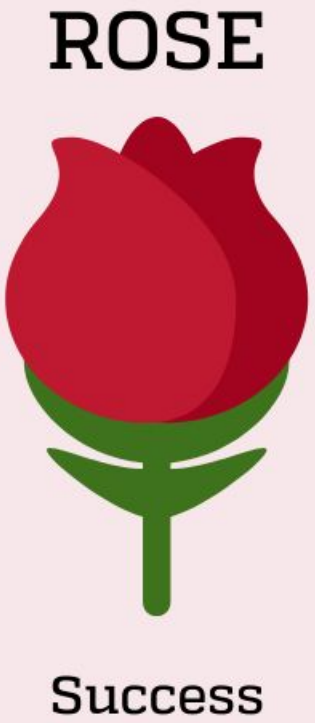
What is it about it that brings you excitement?



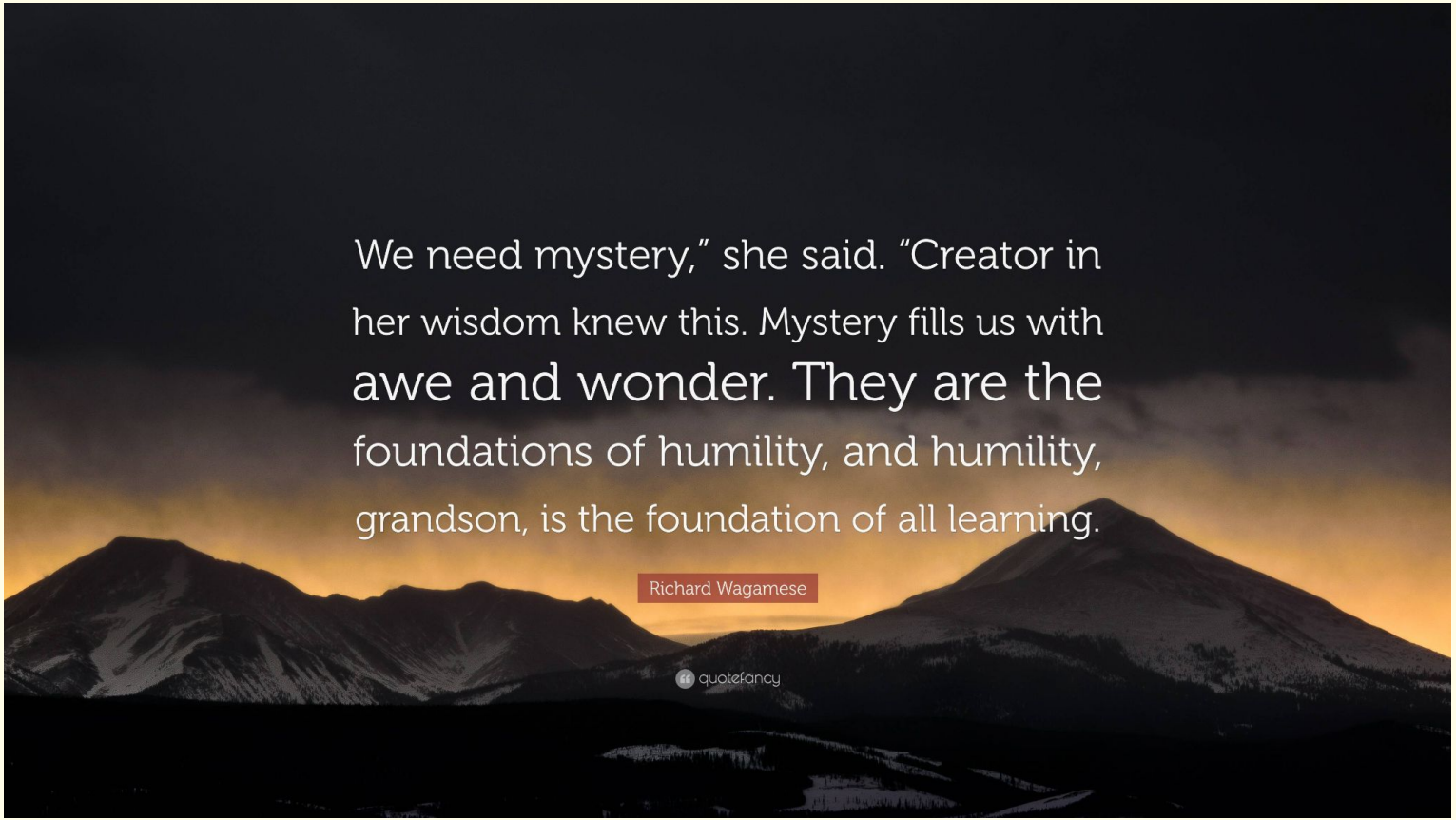
Rose

Something pleasant/positive that's going on for you, in your life

- What happened? What is happening
- What do you feel?



From Parts to Patterns



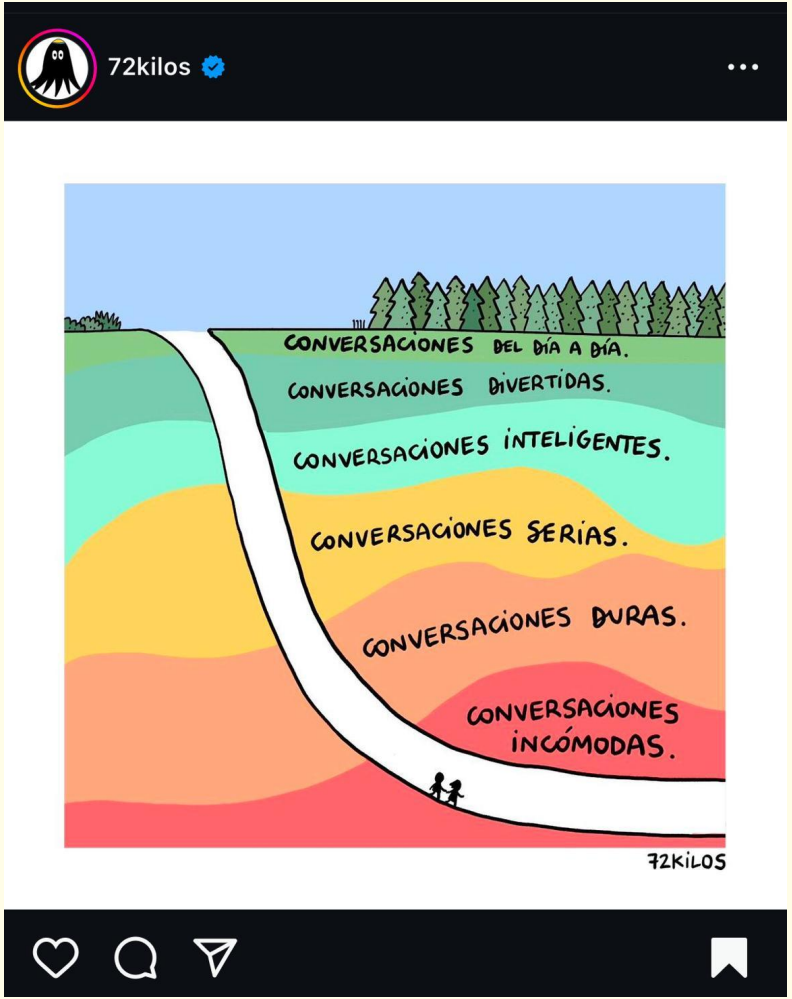
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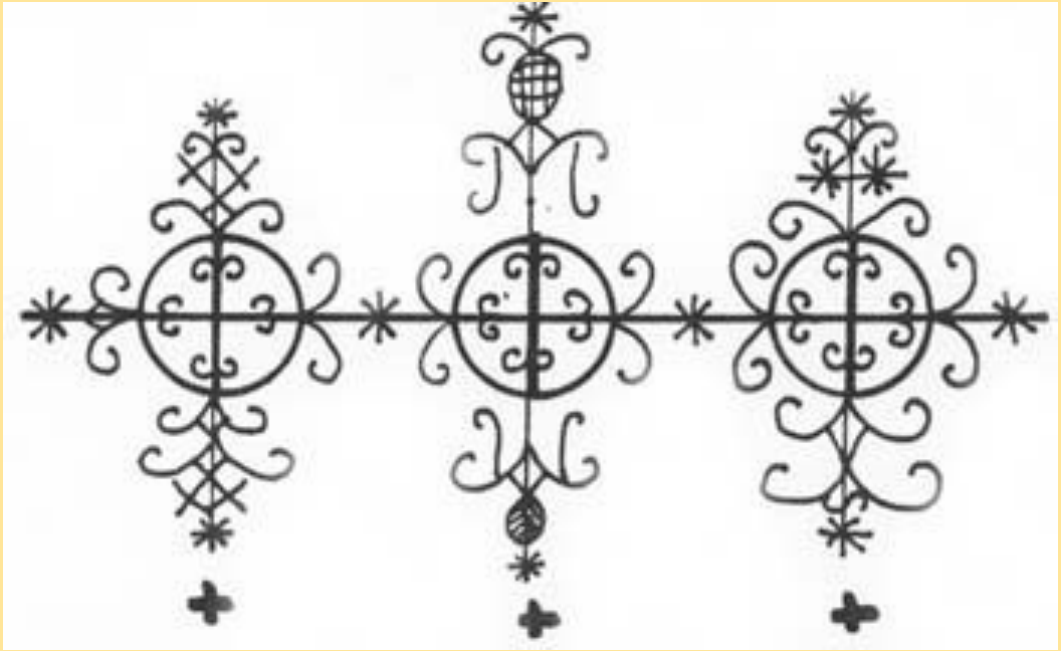
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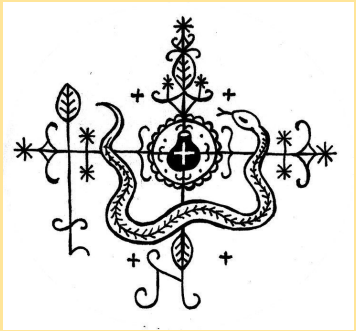
Levels of conversation







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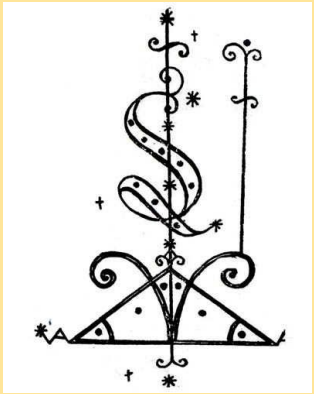
Simbi Andezo



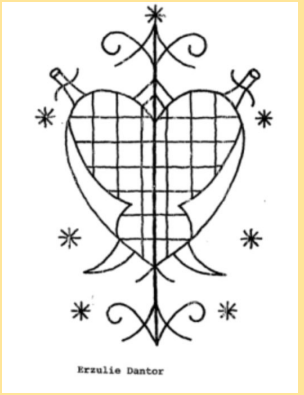
Agwe



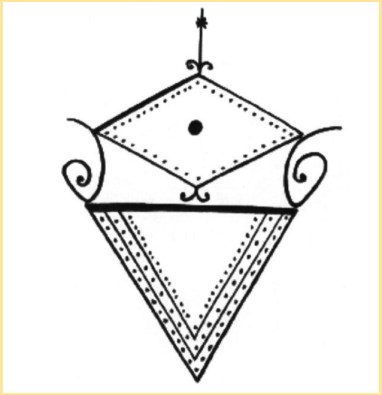
Danbala & Ayida



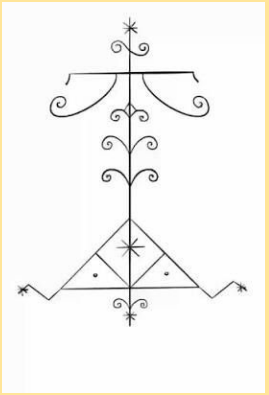
Papa Loko



Ezili



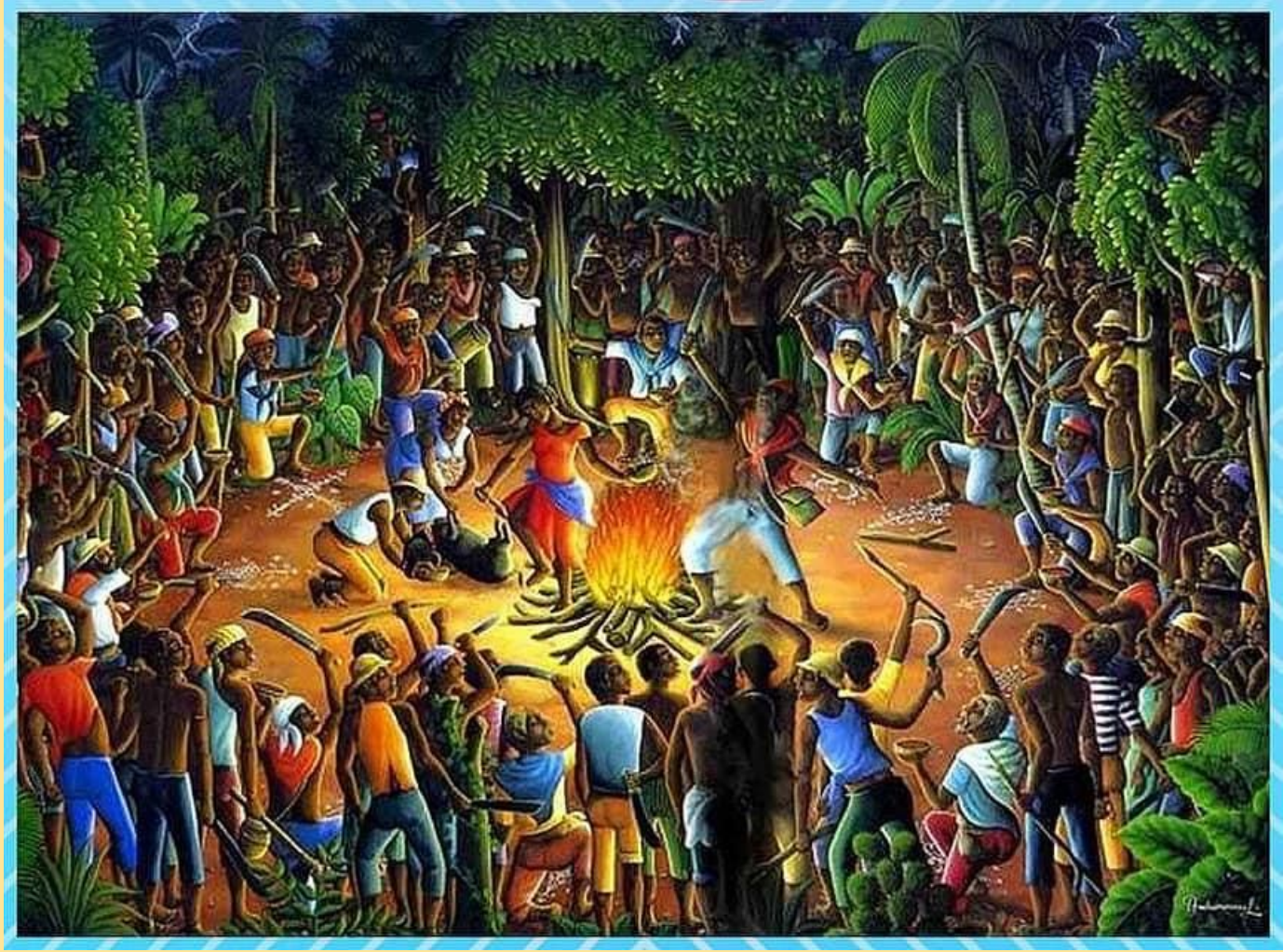
Lasirèn



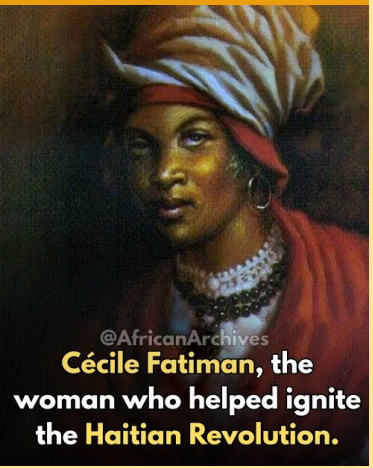
Ogou

Painting by: Andre Normil -
Ceremony of Bois Caiman (1990)

Ceremony of Bois Kayiman (August 14, 1791)







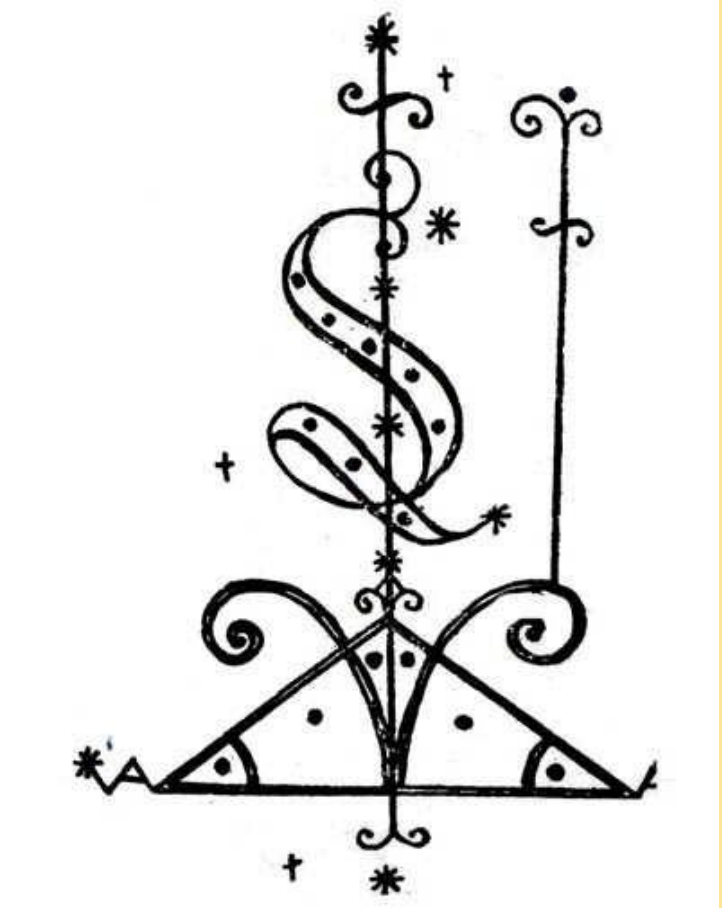
Dutty Boukman a Houngan (Voudon priest) and **Cecile Fatiman** a Mambo (Voudon Priestess) held a Voudon ceremony at a place called **Bwa Kayiman**.

The ceremony was both spiritual and political and sparked the Haitian Revolution.

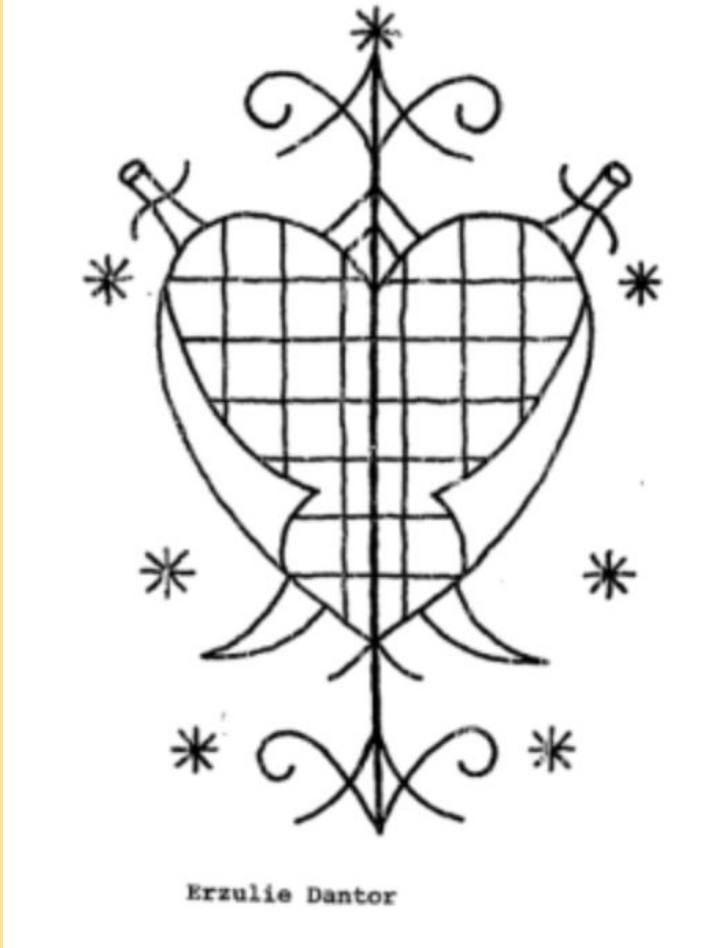
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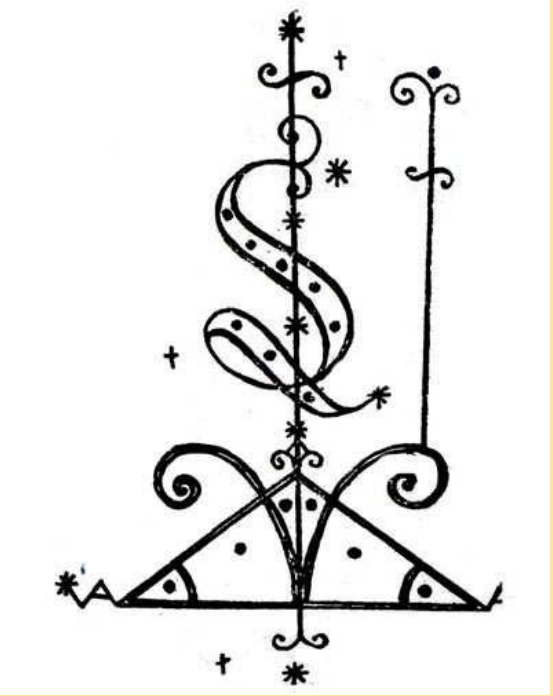
Person A **Person B**



Papa Loko



Ezili Dantò

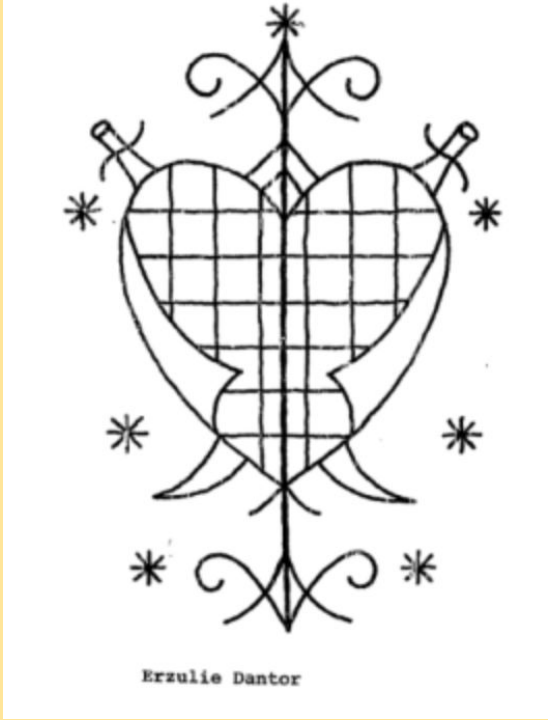


Papa Loko

Communication

Papa Loko opens the gate. He is the wind carrying the butterfly to bring the news to Agwe, the Spirit of water.

Ezili Dantò is a fervent protector of the youth and marginalized. She is a devoted, hardworking, selfless, and (at times) angry mother.



Ezili Dantò

Passion

Prompts sharing



What called me to teaching was…

Prompts sharing



What teaching has asked of me, that I didn’t expect was….

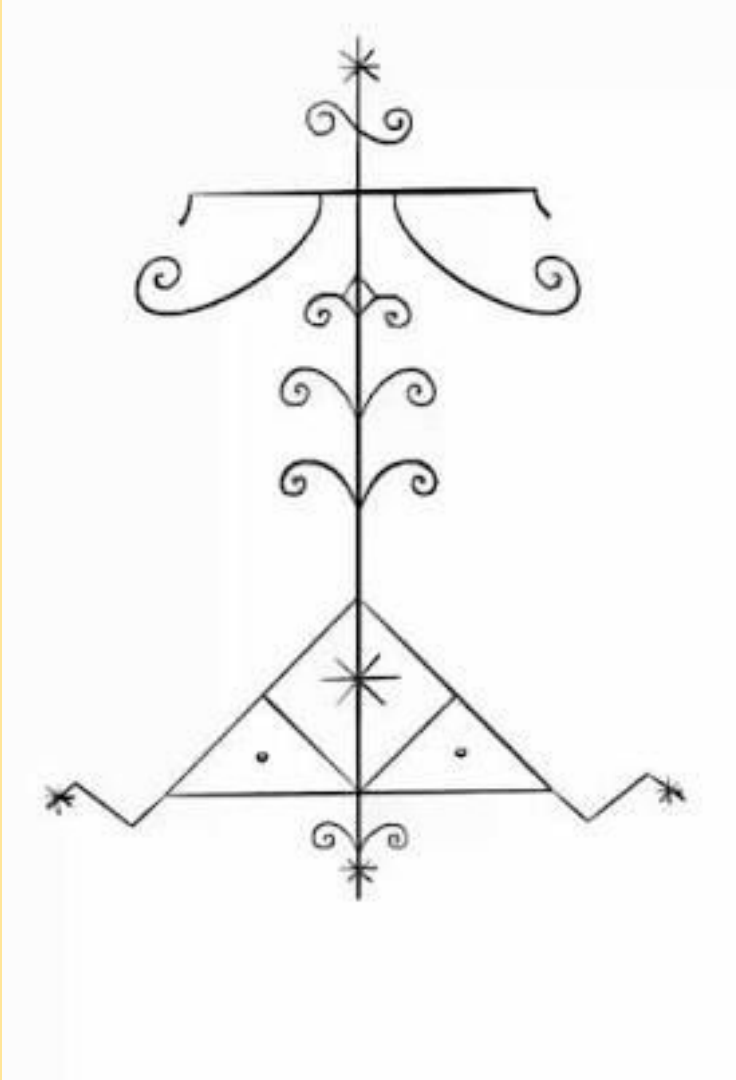


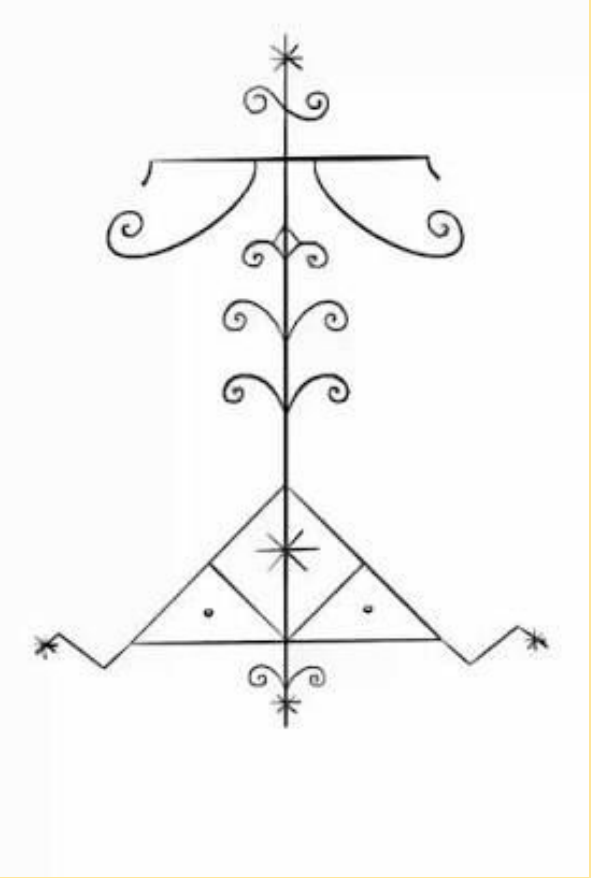
Aja Monet (Poet, writer, activist)

“In order to create, we embody what we imagine.”

(Freedom Dreams)

Ogou





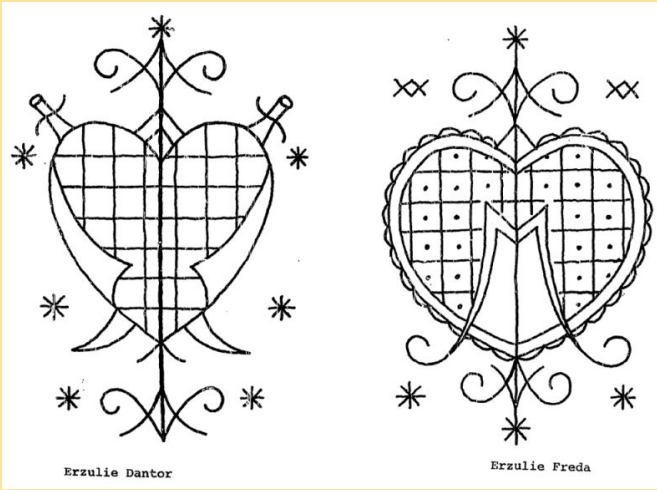
Ogou

Plight

Ogou is a blacksmith, a warrior, a lover, an alchemist. He shapes through heat. He protects and defends the innocent, and brings justice where there is none.

He was a driving power behind the Haitian Revolution - frequently served with the blue and red of the Haitian Flag.





Prompts sharing



The teacher I imagine is…

The teacher I am is…

Prompts sharing



The students I haven’t reached yet make me feel…

Prompts sharing



To teach how I imagine, I am willing to…



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Audre Lorde (Poet, writer, professor)

“And of course I am afraid, you can hear it in my voice.”

(transformation of silence into language and action)

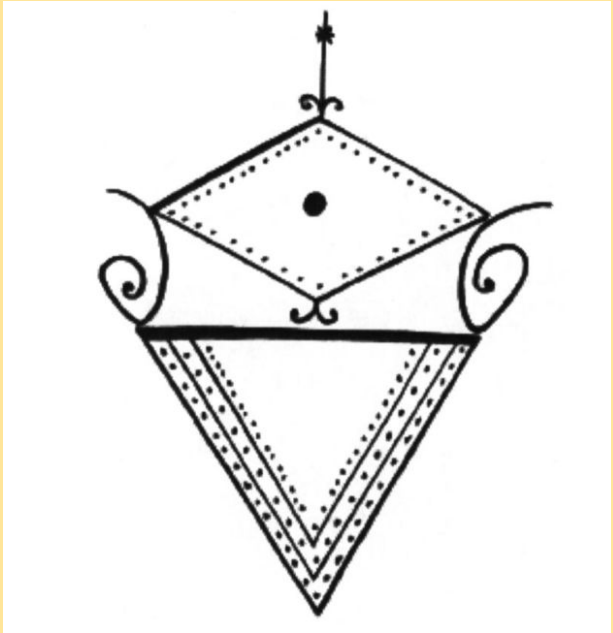


bell hooks (author, educator, social critic)

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For me, forgiveness and compassion are always linked: how do we hold people accountable for wrongdoing and yet at the same time remain in touch with their humanity enough to believe in their capacity to be transformed?

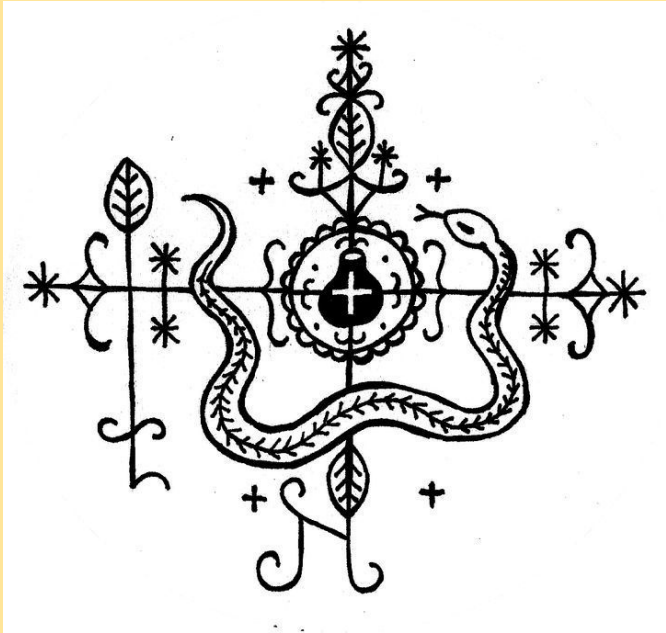
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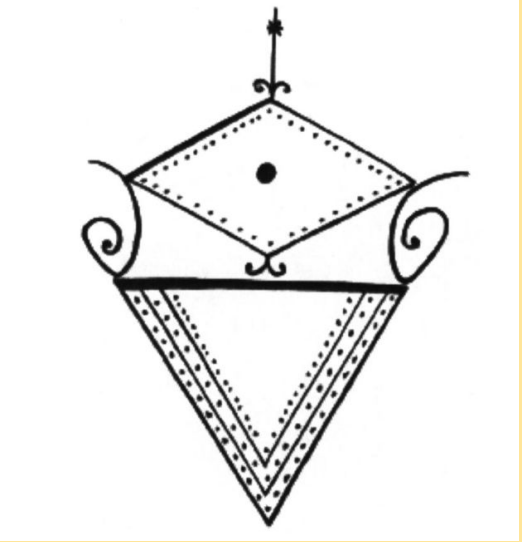
Lasirèn



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Lasirèn

Water manifestation of Ezili. Spirit of the sea, beauty, music.Guardian of the ocean where the dead dwell.

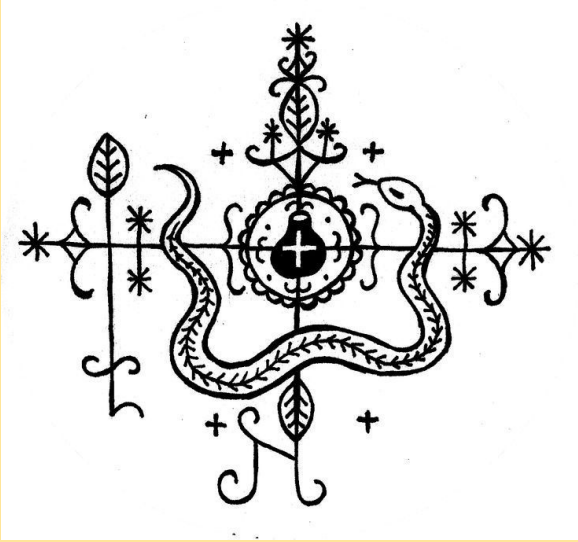
Depth



Agwe

The admiral, spirit and personification of the sea. Patron of the fishermen. Ruler of the depth with Lasirèn.

Transformation



Simbi andezo

Embodies the force of sacred water. Simbi “in two waters”. Found in places of merging, transition, and mystery.

Transition

Prompts sharing



A part of me that I do not bring to the classroom is…

Prompts sharing



I draw power from…

Solo Journal prompt



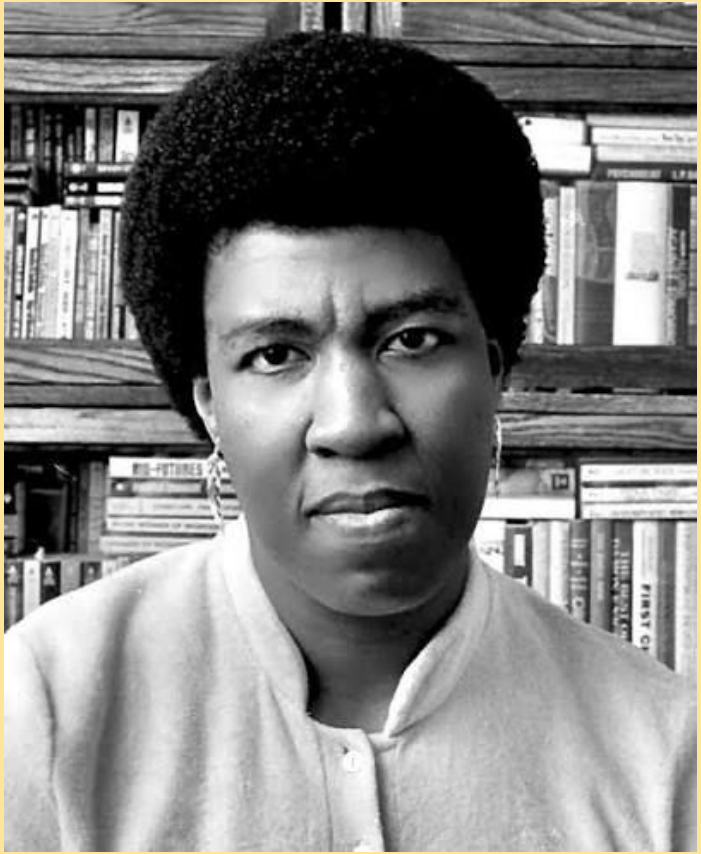
As a teacher, in this moment

Something I feel is _____

Something I fear is _____

Something I need is _____

Something I can is _____



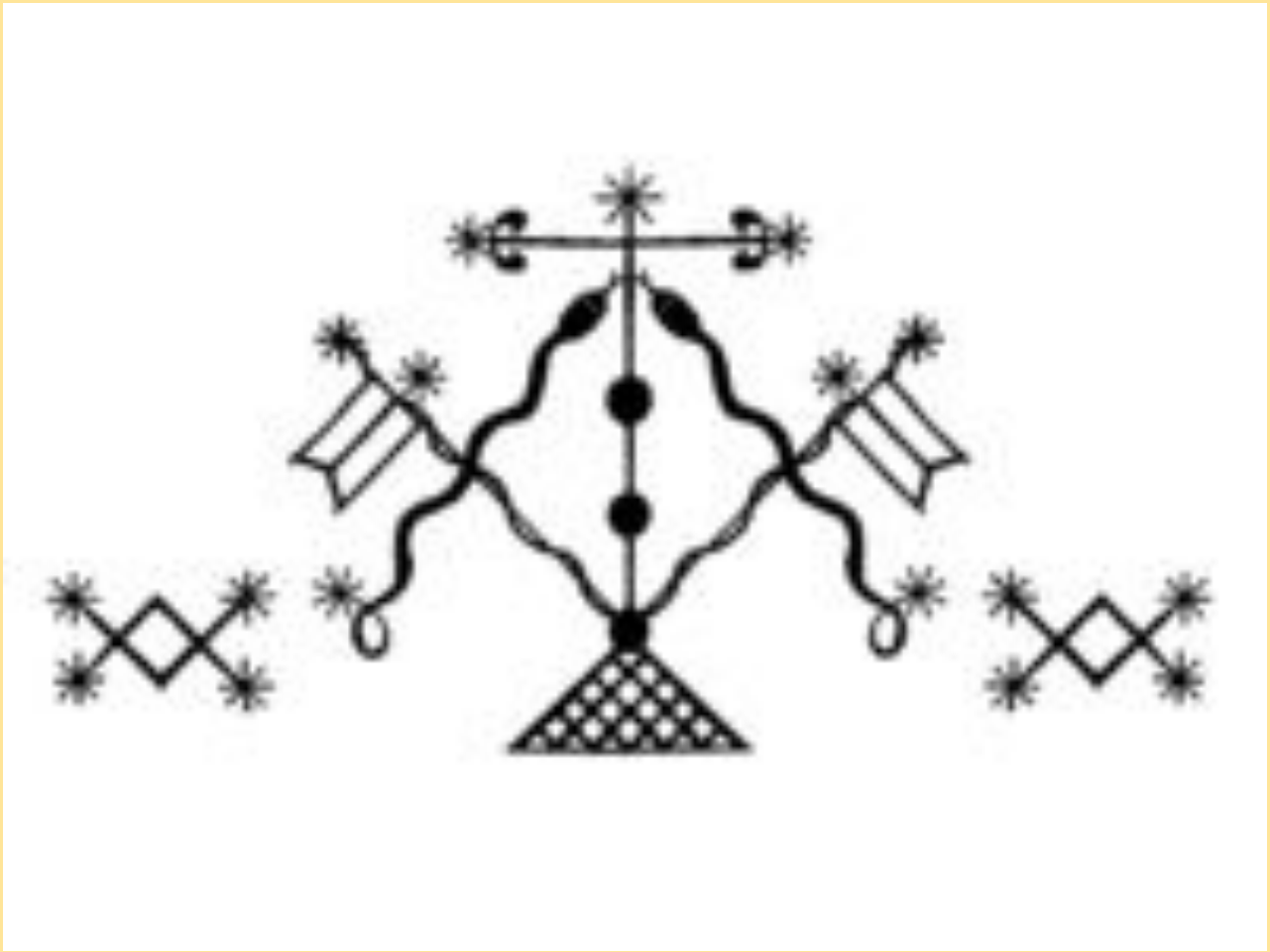
Octavia Butler (Author)

“All that you touch you change

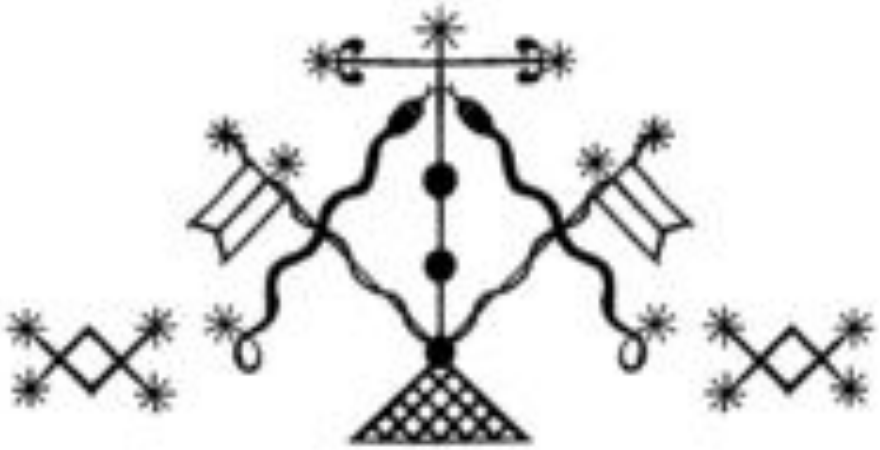
All that you change
Changes you

The only lasting truth
is change

God is change.”



Danbala & Ayida



Danbala & Ayida

Truth and Wisdom

He is said to be the sky father, and the primordial creator of all life, the first thing created by Bondye.

The great serpent, life force, wisdom, his presence brings peace and truth.

He is associated with Ayida. Depending on lineage, they are spouses, or siblings, or two halves of a single whole.

Prompts sharing



Something that pulls me away from truth is…

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What I know to be true about myself as a teacher is…

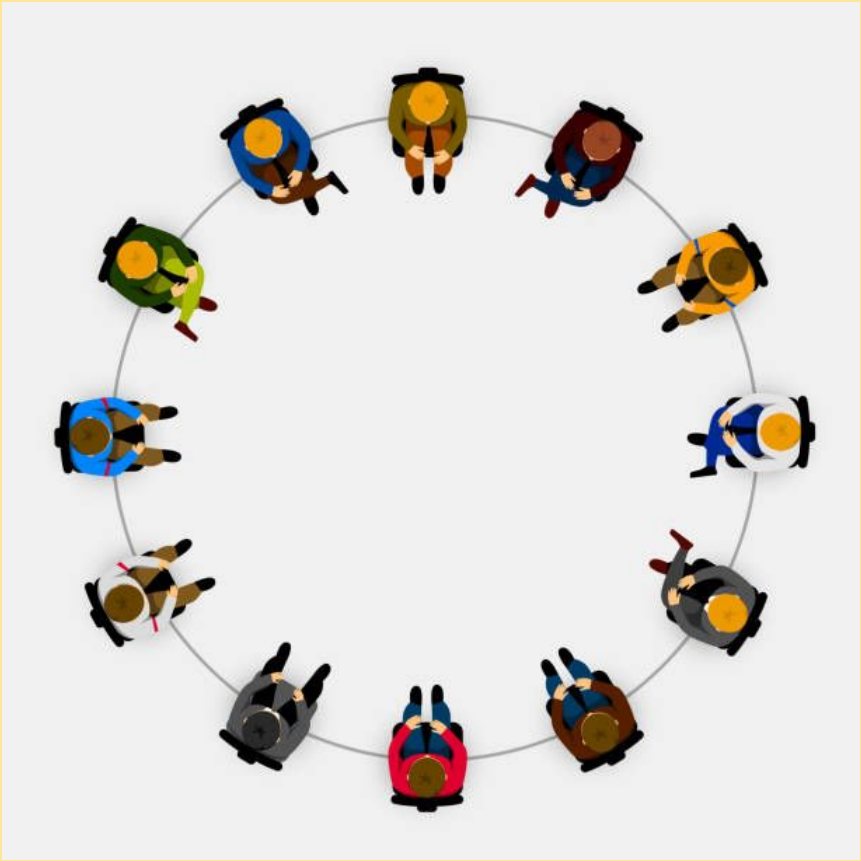


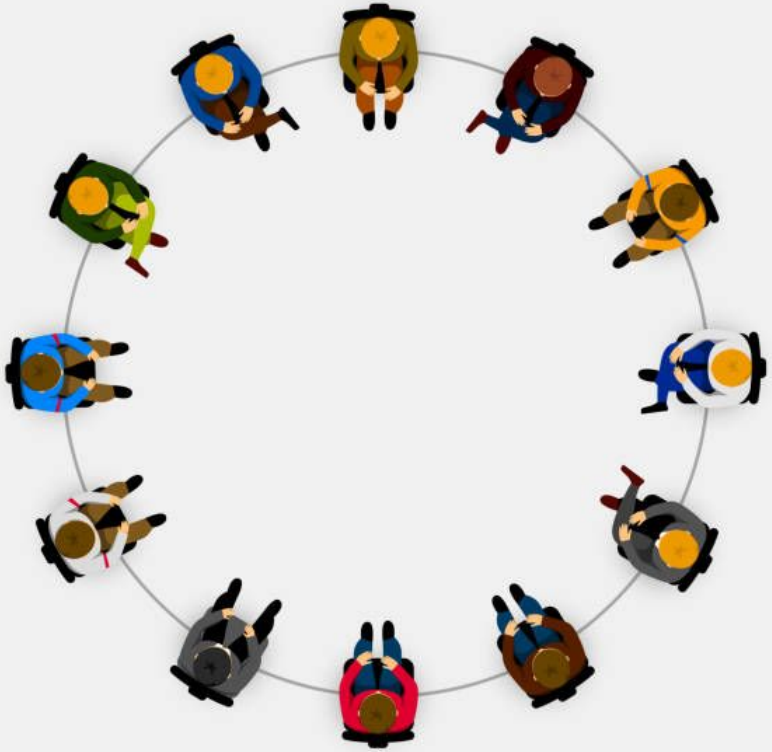
As we imagine, we remember:

Where ever we are going,
We are there.
Whoever we will be,
We have been.

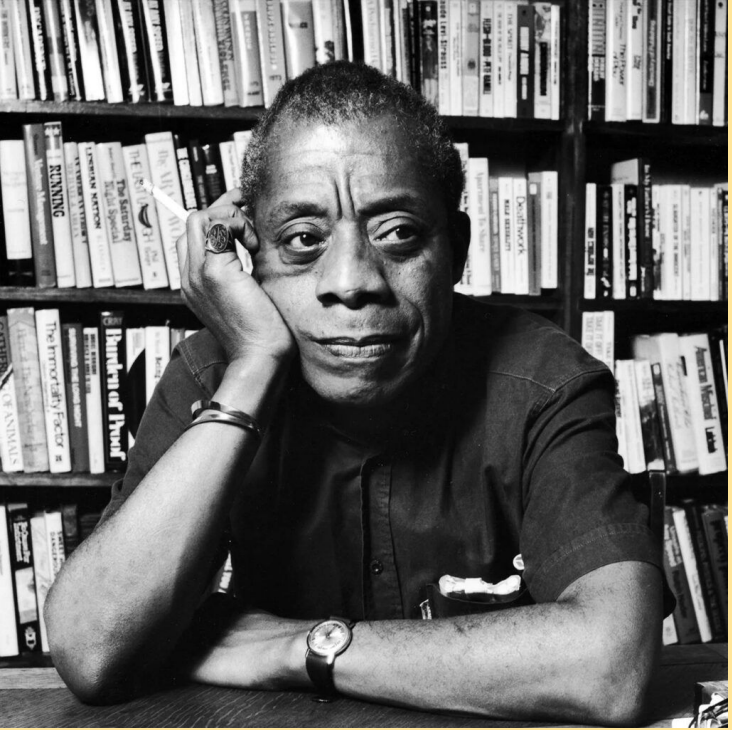
(Freedom Dreams)

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Something that frightens me that needs my love is…



James Baldwin

“Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within.”



The Door of No Return, a memorial arch in Ouidah, Benin.
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