**9. The Seven Divisions, or Nations, of our Vodou.**

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| Papa Legba-Saint Anthony |

***Legba Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Papa Legba, who heads the Crossroad.

The Legbas are a division of crossroad spirits, both younger and older, who embody the elemental qualities of earth and fire. The Legba Division opens pathways, and portals to other worlds, and (perhaps sometimes more importantly) ***closes*** those gateways. The Legba Division is often call to block evil influences, help someone get back on a good path, and aid in communication of *all* sorts.

The spirits of Legba Division like sweetened coffee, un-flavored cigars, coconut (meat, milk and water), sugar cane, and spiced rum. The “younger” Legbas, who tend to be a little mischievous but quick to act (some might use the term Petro), enjoy toys, sweets, candies and coins. The “older” Legbas, who tend towards more serious and cautious natures (some might use the term Rada), like walking sticks, or canes, and prefer paper bills over coins.

Offerings to the Legba Division are placed on the floor by an entrance (door), in the corner of where two walls meet, or at a crossroads. The colors of the Legba Division are White and Red, and most favorable days are Monday and Wednesday.

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| Ogun Balendjo-Saint Santiago |

***Ogun Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Ogun Balendjo, who heads the Marketplace

The spirits of the Ogun Nation embody the elemental qualities of earth, fire and metal. Oguns are extremely hard working, and fiercely dedicated spirits of former soldiers, warriors, policemen, metal workers, laborers, and general tough guys or gals. Ogun spirits acts as fearocious guardians, having explosive tempers, they love nothing more then to defeat evil. Of all the Divisions, or Nations, it is the Oguns who work non-stop for righteous causes.

The Oguns love Gin, Aguardiente, and Rum. These spirits also like strong black unsweetened coffee with a shot of liquor added, and spicy hot foods. They enjoy metal tools, and weapons. Place their offerings on the ground near your altar, in heavily wooded areas, in a plaza, or on the side of the a railroad track. The colors of the Ogun Nation are Red and Blue (sometimes Green and Black), and favorable days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

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| Baron Samedi-Saint Martin de Porres |

***Ghede Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Baron Samedi, who heads the Cemetery.

The Ghede embody the elemental qualities of earth and fire. Ghede Nation aids in all matters, and with resolving any problem. The Ghede open and close inroads into the realm of the dead, act as powerful spiritual bodyguards and can be potent healers, especially of the stomach, and intestines. The spirits of the Ghede Division are often mischievous, and are sexual, as well as humorous, in nature. However if offended they can be exceedingly dangerous. Unless one is guided by a godfather or godmother, the Ghede Nation should be left alone. The Ghede Division has as many malevolent spirits as it does benevolent.

The Ghede like any kind of hard liquor, especially spicy liquor. They love black unsweetened coffee, and heavily peppered food, with both black pepper and hot red chilli peppers. The Ghede prefer cigarettes over cigars. Place your Ghede offerings on the ground in front of your altar, at the entrance to a cemetery, or on the oldest tomb. The colors of the Ghede Division are White and Purple (also Yellow and Purple), and Saturday is their favored day.

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| Candelo Cedifie-Saint Charles Borromeo |

***Candelo Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Papa Candelo Cedifie, who heads the Forest.

Spirits of the Candelo Division are often former priests, or priestess of various African and native peoples religions, as well as Loa who have their origins in the both Africa and the new world, including the Americas. The spirits of the Candelo Division embody fire and air. There are Ghede spirits within the Candelo Nation, but they are considered Candelos. The Candelos open roads, and pathways for the purposes of progression and opportunities. In addition Candelos are powerful protectors and messengers of Papa Bon Dios. Hardworking and diligent, these spirits find solutions to all manner of dilemmas.

Candelos are formidable rootworkers, and possess deep knowledge concerning magic and herbs. Consulted for all types of problems, these spirits are known for their quick action, healing, protection, cleansings, breaking of evil magic, and revisiting wrong doings.

Candelos love rum, whiskey and red wines, also coconut milk and coconut water. They eat hot chills, red apples, and breads. Candelo spirits love unflavored cigars, and pipe tobacco. Offerings to the Candelo Nation can up up on your altar, your ancestor table, or white table (boveda), and are covered with a red cloth. Their colors are Red, Black and White, and most favorable day is Thursday.

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| Belie Belcan-Archangel Michael |

***Belcan Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Belie Belcan, who heads the Courthouse.

The Belcan Division is also known as the Rada, or Blanca or White Division. Along with Belie Belcan, other extremely elevated Loa such as Asaca Dipie, Danballah, and Gran Solier, occupy Belcan Nation.  The spirits of the Belcan Division embody the elemental qualities of Air and Earth. These righteous spirits fight for justice, and peace. Belcan Nation is quick to act against evil spirits, negative entities of all type, and the nullification of black magic. Wise, ancient and benevolent in nature, the Belcan Division is made up of fierce, and fearless warrior spirits who maintain law and order in an often chaotic universe.

The spirits of Belcan Division can be petitioned for any cause, however legal matters, righting wrongs, punishing the wicked, protection from evil, exorcism, purification, and removal of curses is a definite strong suit of the Belcan Nation.

Spirits of the Belcan Division enjoy rum, and red wines,with cigars, cornmeal and green fruits. The Colors of Belcan Nation are Red and Green, and their most favorable days are Sunday and Tuesday.

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| Matresas Erzulie-Our Lady of Sorrows |

***Metresas Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Matresas Erzulie, who heads the River.

Spirits of the Matresas Division embody the elemental qualities of earth and water. A beautiful and highly feminine Nation, the Matresas Division has within it some of the most powerful of Loa. These spirits consult and act in matters of the heart, and mind, governing over women, relationships, children, mothers, household, pregnancy, beauty, and abundance. Tender and sweet, never confuse the kindness of the Matresas Division for weakness. The spirits that make up this Nation are fearsome, and will readily cut, and cut deep. They are quick to punish abusers of women and children, and see to it that rapists, child molesters, and committers of domestic violence pay for their offences, one way or another…

The Matresas Division loves champagne, and beer. They enjoy sweet candies, chocolates (better in a heart shaped box), finger cakes, and tropical and citrus fruits. Spirits of the Matresas Division like gifts of mirrors, hair brushes, combs, laced fans, cosmetics, jewelry, and perfumes. Their offerings go on top of the altar, and served on nice plates and in nice glasses. The colors of the Matresas Nation are Pink and White, but also Gold and Orange. Favorable days are Monday and Friday.

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| Tinyo Alawe-Archangel Raphael |

***Indio Division*** or Nation, is lead by the Loa Tinyo Alawe, who heads the Hospital.

The Indio Division of Sweet Water, which is not to be confused with the Indio commission (but also a part of it) is home to such spirits as Tinyo Alawe, El Rei del Agua Dulce and the mighty Caciques and Cacicas like Anacona and Caonabo Yuisa. All baptisms in this lineage of Vodou are overseen by El Rei del Agua Dulce. The Indio Nation makes up 1/3rd of the Loa/Mysteries of our tradition, and is greatly revered. The spirits of the Indio Division embody the elemental qualities of water and air. The Indio Nation is one of proud and courageous warriors, healers, and leaders who will gladly stand against any force of evil. They are made up of the 7 divisions of the Indio commission of spirits who all together make up the Indio Division of Sweet Water. There is nothing this Nation cannot achieve and no enemy or obstacle these spirits cannot overcome.

Spirits of the Indio Division love beer, and red wine. They eat cassava bread, cornmeal, yucca, taro root, and bread. Their colors are Blue and Green but also Red and Yellow. Favored days are Thursdays and Mondays.

Do you feel called to know more about, or work deeper with the seven divisions, or nations? If so, consider joining our [temple](https://www.patreon.com/shedofrebellion).

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Papa Machete que gana todas las batallas

*"The Machete leads the way and defends ALL who follow".*