

An Orisha Over Me

Santeria
In The Digital Age
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Boveda

- A Boveda is an Afro-Caribbean Altar meant to honor a person's Ancestors or their Eggun.
- It is thought that a Boveda can be used to direct the energies of house spirits towards certain goals.

Symbology of The Boveda

- ◉ The center cup is a represents the divine energy and surrounding cups serve as offerings to the house spirits.
- ◉ The Candle's flame represents the divine spark.
- ◉ The Water represents the water of life which flows through all things.



What is Santeria ?

Santeria is the Blanket name for numerous Afro-Cuban Religions.

- ◉ Lukumi is the worship of the Orisha and the Eggun.
- ◉ Santerismo is a European based sect interested in spiritism

Why is this Community a closed community?

- ◉ Importance of initiation.
- ◉ Stereotypes
- ◉ History of Persecution

Research Methods

- Research through literature and digital media
- Watching internet forums
- Creating lines of communication with members of online Santeria Community through forums, private messages and email
- Applying knowledge learned from members of this online community to create the Boveda.

Importance of Experiential Cultural Anthropology

Can allow limited access to closed communities

Allows for a working knowledge of theoretical concepts.

Helps open roads to understanding different cultures and different people.

Sacred or Sacrilege

