

## HOMOWO FESTIVAL AND PURIFICATION BATH/ “HEDZUU”

Water Is. “Water lets be.” Water is the point of all beginnings. Water cleanses and makes the old past anew. Water regenerates. In fact, water is life. This is why it is appropriate to take the yearly Homowo Purification Bath (by self immersion) coupled with a strong and special Libatory Prayer<sup>1</sup> for longevity and to ward off all kinds of draw backs (hindrances) in any endeavor during the upcoming year; a new beginning with renewed assurance for successes.

Purification Bath for success is a two-way traffic. It is a vow to remain connected to the Almighty, Bor Mawu, one’s Day-angel (Guardian angel), and the Arch-angels who have been assigned to take charge over humanity individually and collectively to keep them in all their ways. Additionally, it maintains and solidifies the link between human seekers and their ancestors, who are assessors and intercessors (**when the seekers live in obedience to the will and way of the Almighty God**).

Life is three tiers, Spiritual, Mental, and Physical (material) and all must balance. These make life complete, productive, comfortable and worthy of living. Yes, there is Growth, Healing and reaping of great benefits in the yearly Homowo Special Purification Bath.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Purification Bath is done by self-immersion three times in the Sea or any body of water with the following mindset:

1. To recognize and accept ones short-comings
2. To prepare oneself to make changes in heart and mind before entering the New Year
3. To put the gloomy past behind by forgiving oneself before entering the New Year.
4. To forgive other brothers, sisters, neighbors, and colleagues before entering the New Year.
5. To ask for forgiveness from those you are in conflict with by going to them for a peaceful **hand shake and embrace** before entering the New Year.
6. To say, “Let bygones be bygones. Let us start afresh. Where conflicts, hatred, distrust, and tension dwell, there is neither peace nor progress.”
7. Purification Bath and Special Libatory Prayer bring love, wealth and health.

“Purification Bath” and “Special Libatory Prayer” combination is highly magical when alms as cash or gifts-in-kind given to the needy and other humane rituals are performed on time during the year. This act taps into the **seen** and **unseen** Creative Forces in Nature for the positive benefit to man. Purification Bath washes inside out our conscience, our heart, and reconciles with our environment.

***There can be no life without water.***

***Hurray! Go now and dip yourself into the  
life giving forces of WATER.***

**Note:** You are invited to join AyokaGifts;  
***HOMOWO-AFI "Purification Bath"***  
Trip to the Beach; ***2 August 2013,***  
Please See

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<sup>1</sup> Nii Sowa-La, "SHITSWAA- LIBATION" (2010)  
See the book for in depth information on  
Libation.

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