

Mkuu Malenga Atogun, HeruMaakhet Ojegbile Neb-ShakaRa
Priestly Biography

Baba Neb Shaka-Ra is an Active practicing ancestral priest. He was initiate in America in to **Egbe Oje Parapo** an Egungun lineage out of Ibadan Nigeria. He also has numerous other African traditional religious (ATR) initiations in various other systems that he privately practices, including the Khematic practice, Orisha veneration, Palo Mayombe, and shamanism. His view is that his public Egungun practice is communal and that the success of a person is reflected in the community success.

" the richest persons of a poor (oppressed) community are still poor (and oppressed)".

His Western education includes undergraduate joint degrees in Philosophy and Information Systems from Rutgers University. He has a Master's degree in Information Systems from NJIT with a graduate certification in Disaster management and further graduate work in education administration. He also attained an NJ professional teaching license with endorsements in Mathematics, Economics, and Social Studies.

Malenga Shakara

He has also been involved in martial and yogic practices from age 6, having studied various Asian, Western, and African arts including Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, western boxing, Fencing, Kickboxing, Capoeira, Silat, Ground & standard Jujitsu. He is a master practitioner of the Ulimwengo, Kuimbiana Makonde, and Wkono Nikhet styles of Diasporic martial arts attaining the title of Mtu Malanga (in the Kupigana Ngumi family of arts). He is a Community Emergency Response Team CERT Program Manager. He is also an accomplished energy healer. He is a Mene Akhu Geru(Silent Heru), Reiki Master, Elemental Tantra instructor and NLP Master Practitioner. These warrior and healing practices led him to Tibetan Buddhism Ordination (Ordained, April 2, 1993) and initiations such as the Tibetan Ra Kalachakra and the Gesar Lion King, Kemetic and shamanic studies and Orisha rites and rituals.

Baba Shakara

His first spiritual teacher was his maternal grandfather. He was blessed to have a talented and magical core friend circle (T God, Grav, Kas & Khalil) push and supported his development. A later major early influence was his "Black Nationalist College Crew" and Dr. Rev. Ceil Canteen Grey who promoted liberation theology. As a result of his long involvement in African martial arts and cultural nationalism Shakara was introduced to Orisha, Kemetic and Kongo culture and practice in the early 90s. He participated in Kemetic, Orisha culture throughout the 90s. While in orisha culture in Philadelphia he began Iya Olakunle Oludina who would later become a key guide and mentor. In early 2002, Shakara began his first formal training and initiation in orisha culture in Philadelphia with Omidina (Desiree E Brittingham) as his 1st godmother. Then in the summer of 2003, he broadened his Kongo study he had started with Shah Mfundishi

Massi in African martial in 1989 to include Palo Mayombe. He continued his initiatory practice of Orisha veneration in September 2006 under Chief Afolabi (Former Obadajodo {King of the Law} Oltunji village). He then began his Ifa pre-apprenticeship under Baba Shaka Taylor (also of Oje Parapo Egungun) in 2008. Upon receiving his first hand of Ifa under the late Baba Shaka Taylor. Malanga Shakara then in fall 2009 began the formal study of Ifa orisha and Egungun under Baba Ifakunle (Baba Shaka Taylor senior godbrother) where he was initiated as an Egungun priest in 2010 in the Egbe Parpo lineage out of Ibadan Nigeria. Having a mindset of continuing education, Malenga Atogun Shakara frequently attends workshops and other spiritual trainings.

Shaman Shakara

After an encounter with a Ghanaian shaman in 2003, Shakara began his *shamanic work with entheogens* by working with iboga a Congo herb used by the Bwiti people in religious ceremony, which became publicly recognized for its ability to break addiction. After successfully working with this plant medicine and both experiencing and seeing its beneficial effect on colleagues. Shakara, following the lead of Ahati Kilindi Iyi expanded in on working with psilocybin “magic mushrooms” and other Kemetite plant medicine like blue lotus and acacia. (Shakara past lives include Amenemhet III, pharaoh of the Twelfth Dynasty of Egypt.) In 2011 he was initiated in the order of Osian {(also known as Ozain or Osanyin) the orisha of wild plants, healing and magic in the Yoruba religion and its diaspora in the Americas}. In 2015 he began interweaving Ayahuasca into his ancestral spiritual teaching practice. Due to Ayahuasca legality and its outcomes being so successful he promotes it as a highly recommended part his Spiritual intermediate level Development program and facilitates seasonal sessions.

Priest of the People

Shakara found his home in the Ancestral Egungun practice. He has participated and/or organized and preformed many public and private, community and family rituals, and is known for his public ancestral feedings, regular classes and workshops, Pan African ancestral white tables and his commitment to communal rituals like Odunde, Tribute to the Ancestors (at Coney Island NY) and Egungun masquerades in general. In 2012 he co-founded the Pan African Egbe with, Baba Ifaniyi Akintunde and Iya Olakunle Oludina to address the lack of ancestral rite and ritual in the greater North east region

Baba Shakara is a firm and supportive godfather, who being a professional educator, promotes the cultural and spiritual education of students, godchildren, clients and his community at large. Baba Shakara strives to elevate the African community via Ancient and modern African Traditional spirituality to positively transform and elevate them across the African Diaspora. He believes that by developing the individual and the family the community is healed. His motto is the traditional principle with modern application. Consequently, he strives to balance maintaining an orientation that is both traditional and contemporary at the same time.