

# On the Mat

With

# 20-4

Merindilogun

Lesson 1  
of  
Lesson 16

Eldership

A solid foundation for divination can be found in the 4 Cowrie Shell Divination System. It provides five families of responses which can be expanded to reveal the 256 Odu. Extending 4 Cowrie Shell Divination principles into the classic divination system of Merindilogun provides a smooth transition. This transitioning can be referred to as 20-4. The over riding principle is

## ‘Respecting Eldership’

- 1) Merindilogun is 4 sets of 4 cowrie shells
- 2) Eldership starts with the Diviner
- 3) Seniority of Eldership is
  - Eldest
  - Elder
  - Senior
  - Junior
- 4) The Eldest Cowrie Shells are closest to the diviner
- 5) The Junior Cowrie Shells are furthest from the diviner
- 6) Eldership with Odu mirrors eldership with cowrie shell.

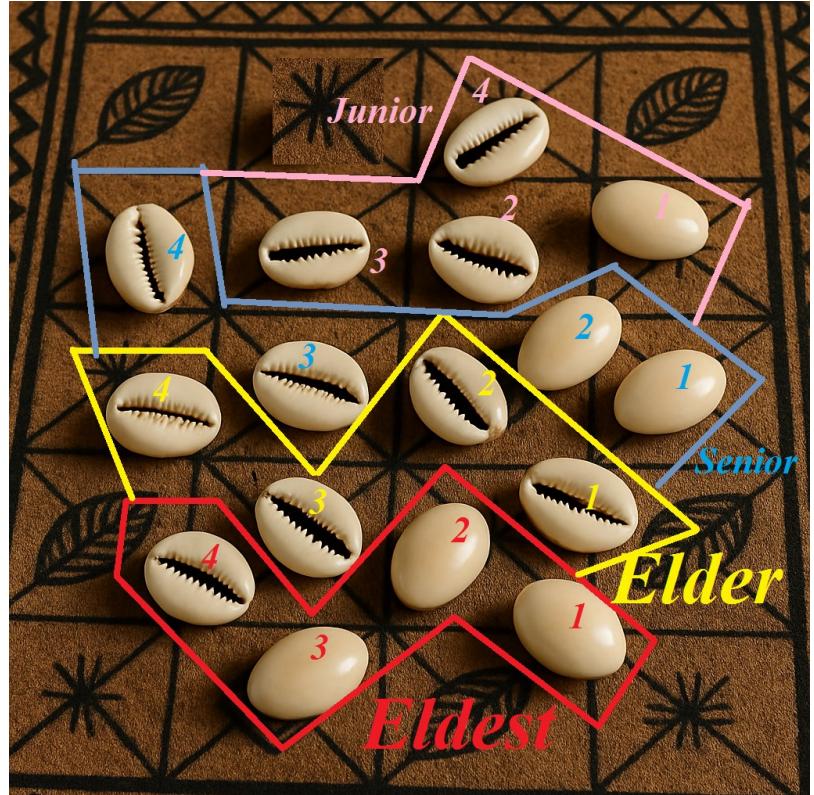
Cast 20-4 once and document the **Eldest** Odu based on the Orientation and direction of the Eldest Cowrie using two columns of single or double dots.

Repeat for the **Elder** Odu based on the Elder Cowrie of the same cast.

Do the same for Senior and Junior Cowrie shells of this first cast.

Cast again for a second time and repeat the above directives.

Do this a total of four times daily for 16 Consecutive days. Start over if more than 1 day is missed.



In summary for Day 1

- 1) Cast once and document four pair of odu using dots based on the orientation and direction of your casting elements in relation to Eldership.
- 2) Cast again for second-four pair, cast yet again for a third-four pair and finally a forth time for the final four pairs.
- 3) The result is 16 pairs of Odu for Day 1
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