

AKAN PHILOSOPHY



WORKSHOP

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TOPIC 1

**What
is
AKOM?**

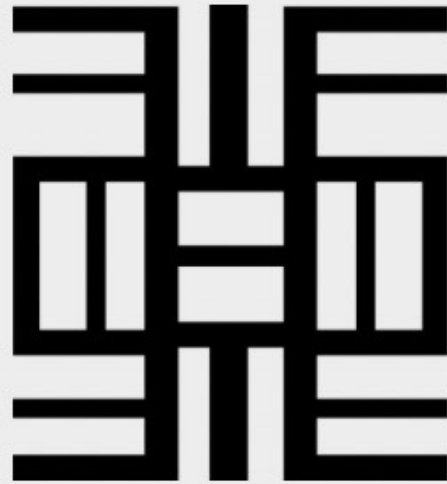
TOPIC 2

**Significance
of
AKOM**

TOPIC 3

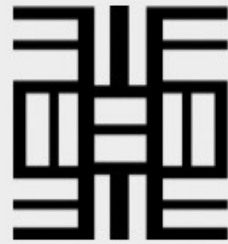
**Reconnecting
with
AKOM**

INTRODUCTION



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if the person who do not know decide to learn, they get to
know



As people whose name suggest their existence as the first homogeneous humans to exist on earth, the leaders and/or the first humans to be enlightened, the Akan people developed a culture (way of life) that was connected to nature. This is no surprise as the Akan people are located in the tropical rain forest, mostly in current days West Africa predominantly in Ghana and Ivory Coast. The northern Ghana tribe Balsa call the Akan people sagi which means forest.

In the naming of the Akan, there is a soul name which a child bears right after its birth as it is derived from the day that they were born. These names start with KWA which is a prefix to kwayε; forest. Thus, the Akanfo are confirmed forest beings who could connect with nothing but the earth, water bodies, rocks (stones) and animals. In order to live within this ecosystem, they had to understand the life, language of these beings. This knowledge is the basis of the Akan philosophy known as AKOM.