Jannes: Oh, I think that when people think of Palo they’re like “Oh my God! Those people are like voodoo”, you know, that’s, I think that’s what they’re meaning [voices overlap] yeah, they just, they just instantly kind of go to the “oh, there you know, they have dolls on there” –

Ana-Maurine Lara: — and that voodoo is bad.

Jannes: Exactly, and it’s not, because there has never been one time that I’ve ever done anything bad, you know, for anybody, always just praying and always just doing what I need to do, you know, for myself, trying to help other people if they need help.

They just, I feel like they see it in not a pretty pot and they instantly think “oh, you know, it must be just some crazy stuff, you know, they’re just working with the dead” but, you know, orishas are in

pretty pots now, but they were not always in pretty pots. They were in gourds, all right? So, I think that it’s just a misconception of it, uhm, and any of it, from Palo to voodoo to anything to Lucumí,
anything that you do bad, you know, that’s on you, that’s not how it should be, right? And that’s not how traditionally it was meant to be or that’s not how it’s supposed to be so, in any religion I feel like that. In any

practice, you know, even Catholics, you know, you doing something bad, you doing, you know what I’m saying?, that’s -- that’s on you, you know. Don’t, let’s not blame the tradition or the practice or the religion for that. It’s the person that’s doing it.

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