

# Fofipa (to cleanse)

This page describes one of the [Devotopai \(Rituals\)](#) of the [Poku Saeruo Degonjo](#).

<b>Ritual name</b>	Fofipa
<b>Meaning</b>	to cleanse
<b>Pronounced:</b>	fō-fē-pă

The *Fofipa* ritual is performed on every [Poku'vonai](#) one month after the *baqli* (child) is born. Until a child has been through this ritual the child is not given a name, and is only referred to as *baqli*. The child is given a through physical and medical examination. If the child is found to be healthy and without defect, the family then has a [Fofijo \(Cleansed\)](#) ritual. A child that fails the examination is euthanized so that the spirit can return to the clan in a healthy body.

Note: Occasionally the parents are given an offer to allow the child to serve the clan. See [Jodau Yoqajo \(Integrated Brain\)](#) for details.

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