

DEMON EXPERIENCES

in Many Lands

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

A WITCH DOCTOR POSSESSED

As I rode on horseback along a country path, I was overtaken by a witch doctor. Curious, as always, I made inquiries as to the contents of the leather bag hung over his shoulder on a miniature axe (the emblem of his profession). He drew from his bag a bundle of papers on which were green and orange markings, an imitation of Arabic writing by an illiterate. He volunteered to read to me from the book, and before I could stop him, for I had seen enough, he began nonsense reading in an ordinary voice. Then suddenly his voice changed. He was possessed, and I heard a demon through his lips telling me that I had a sick little girl in my house. (My daughter had been sick for several days, and as he was a total stranger, it was unlikely that he would have heard of it). I silenced him as quickly as I could, reading to him from my Book.

A Christian man living on the mission compound had an unconverted wife who dabbled in demonism. During a heavy rainstorm, my wife and I were attracted to their house by what sounded like a wild animal barking. We arrived to find this woman going through the most frightful contortions and barking like a dog. After earnest prayer she quieted, and seemed to slip back into her normal self. Addressing me, she said: "Mai Gida, what brought you here in the rain?" It seems to be a favorite time for these possessed people to go off, during a rain, and they wander through the pouring rain howling wildly.

I have never known a Christian to be possessed, and have no reason from personal observation or Scripture to believe that it is possible.

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