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Taming the ghosts

I was recently moved to read about the miseries of a haunted family in Murang'a that I feel it would be immoral of me not to help the hapless people in arresting the 'ghosts' responsible for the sufferings.

Before I delve into the formula of taming the 'ghosts', I'd like to mention that I cannot claim to have originated with the way out of this kind of a problem. To the contrary, rationalists societies across the world have used it with hundred per cent success. The logic is simple, throwing stones, carrying away the baby as depicted in the story, and such physical activities would require physical energy. Ghosts, lacking a physical body, would be incapable of executing physical actions that require physical energy, as the necessary energy is only generated in the body through oxidation of food nutrients in body cells in the process of metabolism. In Nyanza and Western Kenya, for instance, activities of Night Runners used to be attributed to ghosts in years past. Today, residents know that it is human beings who stone houses, throw sand, etc.

It therefore follows that, while a deceivable person is focused on ghosts as in the case of the haunted family and the general public, scientific approach would demand investigation of the human agent responsible for such 'mysterious' acts. In the hundreds of similar cases investigated in both Sri Lanka and India by one Dr Abraham Kovoor, he never once failed to identify the human person responsible for executing similar acts.

Poltergeist is the German term used to refer to people who commit the 'ghost' (mysterious) acts. They are mentally deranged persons who are normally very frustrated about something. Usually, poltergeists are adolescents, but can occasionally be

older people or even younger.

Suggestive Pattern

Gachara is severely frustrated about something, I suspect school life. He is reported as being 'followed' to school by the 'ghosts'. The followed person always presents an easy key to unraveling themystery. He (Gachara) goes to school with food but at lunch time, he finds the dish empty and broken. He has been getting stoned and hit with cow dung several times on his way to school, (not from school. As a result, he has stopped going to school for the last three weeks. Of course, the objective of staying away from the loathed school life has been achieved, and enjoyed. Thus, the family's cow must have it's legs seriously slashed mysteriously to sustain the fear of ghosts within the family, or else he might be required to get back to school if it is felt that the ghosts are finally gone.

Scenario

The family of David Kirathe and Nelus Nyambura with their children securely locks their doors to the house. Yet they find their bedding and clothes drenched in water. Seeing that nobody came from outdoor, they conclude it is the work of a ghost, yet the poltergeist remains in the locked rooms with them. Murugi, David Kirathe's father has eight children, yet only the family of Kirathe and his elder brother, Samuel Mugwe are haunted by the ghosts. The two brothers reportedly live on the same compound. If the family of Mugwe is separated from that of Kirathe (the poltergeist's father) you can bet only Kirathe's family would continue being haunted. The two families attempted fleeing from the ghosts

by moving from their farm at Marimari to a house adjacent to their mother, but they carry the 'ghosts' with them, and therefore continue suffering together.

Way Forward

Simple. Just isolate the boy in a seclusion within focus of a secretly placed video camera (CCIV style), then subject him to hetero-hypnosis. For instance, you may tell the boy that you take pity on him for being singled out for attack by ghosts on several occasions, resulting in his missing school. Tell him further (the hypnotic part of it) that the ghosts have to be arrested and that you believe on his seclusion, they will tear off his shirt buttons, perhaps tear his shirt, or something.

Ask him to scream as soon as the 'ghosts' do anything to him so that exorcism prayer can be immediately done, hopefully clearing him of torment thereafter. That done, leave the boy alone under the secret eye of the video camera. He will surely scream after doing something to himself. The tape with the 'ghost' can then be shown to him, confidentially.

He then has to be told that he is a sick boy who needs the attention of a psychiatrist and at the same time asked to confess about how he did all the reported things.

Caution

The investigation must be conducted in a manner that only the investigator knows what he is following. Since every other person is searching for a ghost, they can only believe when enough proof has been offered. Prior knowledge by parents especially would jeopardise the investigation.

The Awards

One critical thing to note is that, because of belief in paranormal activities, people never question some obvious things. This makes us gullible and the victim of the disorder, the poltergeist, is encouraged.

Thus the same thing happens when under this 'ghost' fear, some people seek services of a ghost exorcist, usually a witchdoctor to do that. Yet, according to the Rationalist Society, a global organisation dedicated to educating people on the ills of these superfluous beliefs, witchdoctors are liars who cannot perform those exorcist miracles.

To prove that, the society now has Ksh 2.6 million reward for 'any truly genuine miracle worker'.

The Ksh 2.9 million prize can also be claimed by the following people who can take-up the challenges that follow: All god men, witch-doctors, astrologers, numerologists, telepathist, fortune-tellers, yogis, psychic, telepathists, palmists, clairvoyants, tarot card readers, tea-cup readers, pre-cognitioners, I-Ching experts and other who claim they have acquired miraculous powers through spiritual exercises, divine gifts or meditation could win this award if they were able to perform any one of the following "miracles" under fool-proof & fraud-proof conditions, can win awards-

- ◆ Read the serial number of a sealed-up currency note.
- ◆ Produce an exact replica of a currency note.
- ◆ Stand stationery on burning cinders (coal/fire) for half a minute without blistering the feet with the help of God.
- ◆ Materialize from nothing an

object I ask.

- ◆ Move or bend a solid object using psychokinetic power.
 - ◆ Read the thought of another person using telepathic powers.
 - ◆ Make an amputated limb grow even one inch by prayer, spiritual powers.
 - ◆ Levitate (fly/float) in the air by yogic power or any other power.
 - ◆ Stop the heartbeat for five minutes by Yogic power.
 - ◆ Walk on water.
 - ◆ Leave the body in one place and materialize in another place.
 - ◆ Stop breathing for thirty minutes by Yogic power.
 - ◆ Develop creative intelligence or get enlightened through transcendental or any other type of meditation.
 - ◆ Speak an unknown language as a result of rebirth or by being possessed by holy or evil spirit.
 - ◆ Produce a spirit or ghost to be photographed.
 - ◆ Disappear from a film when photographed.
 - ◆ Get out of a locked room by divine power.
 - ◆ Increase the quantity of weight of a substance.
 - ◆ Detect a hidden object.
 - ◆ Convert water into petrol or wine.
 - ◆ Convert wine into blood.
- Astrologers and palmist who hoodwink the gullibles by claiming that astrology and palmistry are scientific, can win the award if they can pick out correctly - within a margin of five percent error - those of males, females the living and the dead from a set of ten palm prints or ten astrological charts giving the exact time of birth correct to the minutes and places of birth with their latitudes and longitudes.
- For those willing to take the challenge, all tests will be conducted in public under fraud-proof conditions up to our fullest satisfaction of all the parties involved.

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