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Belief Trap

There exists a common faith in our world that animates and intermingles itself with what we term the major world religions. Many call it '[animism](#).' The term represents beliefs that nature, which surrounds humanity, responds more to spirits, sacred forces, and extraordinary phenomena than to human activity. These unseen powers regulate our affairs, for better or worse. Humans, though, can influence these unseen manipulators through rituals and offerings. Experts called shamans, fetish priests, witchdoctors, or witches guide us, the clueless, in what we must do to fix a wrong. Those living their lives with this understanding think that they control little of significance. Depression hides behind their smiles that mask unknown terrors. The belief traps human souls in feckless activities.

Faith Release

Learning the true and different trust which binds humans to their Creator God in covenant springs such trapped people free. Freed of fearing lesser spirits and forces, new believers discover that God has spoken all that is needed for life. They learn to walk in trusting faith that produces real and tangible benefits. Good faith manifests itself with good results. Changed belief changes behavior.

We cannot communicate this transformation in text quickly, but the story of change in Boto describes a people who escaped the curse of living with animist falsehoods. In watching the [12 minute YouTube video linked here in the photo](#), you will grasp more. We share this video in schools and churches to help the many of good faith see the usefulness of availing to themselves the strategies of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) and win souls. (For a more studied and scientific understanding, read the [article archived](#) in our AWA Update titled "[Happy Native](#).")



Freedom Walk

While some may smile and think that we live much smarter where we are, the destruction and death surrounding many reveal otherwise. Uncontrolled fires, violence, and life-saving knowledge being withheld testify that many believe in idols of money and positional power that trumps God. They, not Him, reveal the best ways for us to live. Reread the first paragraph thinking about the confidences which many put in political and money-laden leaders. Among us are many who despair of the same fears known to the villagers in Boto before they trusted to freedom-walk with Jesus. Souls are won, and cultures transform when believers win souls to improve the object of common faith. [Cultures ONLY change when their worldviews transform due to a shift of faith](#). May we the modern soon relearn that life gets better when none trust any but those who obey King Jesus who can lead us all. Learning and sharing how to walk free from fear of what [God grants us control](#) liberates humankind.

Prayer & Praise

- Join us in confessing personal sins and the sins of our nation. Ask the Lord to embolden believers in all the arenas in which we have influence to share the Gospel and stand courageously using truth.
- Pray for government leaders and peaceful elections in Cote d'Ivoire, and the U.S. Ladies may want to join Debbie in the [Cry Out Challenge](#) in October, hosted by [Revive our Hearts](#) ([video link](#)).
- Pray for our son Corbin. He resigned from his job in Missouri to be closer to family and friends in Tennessee. Ask the Lord to guide him to a job suited for his skills and advancement.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last weekly: [Mind Games – 200926.PDF](#)

Prior video: [Among Us – 200815.PDF](#)

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