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Hua Miao spirit worship.

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(“Dlang” means “worship”. The Chinese word is “Zong jiao”).

There were nine kinds of spirits worshipped by the Miao.

- 1 The Spirit Zu-gi-za. He was king of the spirits, and was also called Yeu-su-mu.
- 2 The spirits bi-jio-a-su. These were the shaman-healer’s spirits.
- 3 Bi-nzao. This was a kind of sky-power.
- 4 Water ki-zo. This was a water spirit.
- 5 A-she. This was a kind of sky power.
- 6 Zi-qiao-bao. This was a kind of vapour spirit.
- 7 Yeu-jio-dlang-hnu. This was a kind-hearted spirit.
- 8 Door a-nzhang. This was the spirit of the door.
- 9 The ti-shao-ma. This was a livestock spirit.
- 10 Sowing souls. This did not count as spirit worship.
- 11 Ndao-shu. This was when a daughter had polluted the house. It did not count as spirit worship.

Matters concerning spirit worship are explained below.