## M361 Hua Miao spirit worship. 6. Zi-qiao-bao.

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Of this kind of spirit the old folk would not say that they had been fanned by the zi-qiao-bao, they would merely say that they had encountered smoke. In this sickness, a person simply fell suddenly to the ground. His eyes rolled from side to side, and were wide open. He could not speak and his ears could not hear. A person suffering like this was said to have been fanned by the zi-qiao-bao. In such cases the shaman-healer had to be called to cure it. When the shaman-healer arrived, first, he made one of his assistants ride a male goat around the person who was ill, three times to the left and three times to the right. If this was not effective, then he took a spinning wheel and rolled it around, three times to the right and three times to the left. This would cure the person who was ill and make him well again.

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