

Pointing the Bone

Among traditional Indigenous Australians there is no such thing as a belief in natural death. All deaths are considered to be the result of evil spirits or spells, usually influenced by an enemy. The expectation that death would result from having a bone pointed at a victim is not without foundation. In Australia, the practice is still common enough that hospitals and nursing staff are trained to manage illness caused by "bad spirits" and bone pointing. Other similar rituals that cause death have been recorded around the world.

What is this phenomenon really? Obviously it is a form of witchcraft or sorcery. People sufficiently superstitious succumb to a spell cast by the Kurdaitcha – a black spell.

Is there a white spell? Yes. I've seen it. People ostensibly praying for someone a distance away will raise an arm and align it in the direction of the person being prayed for. Supposedly, this concentrates the energy of the prayer in the desired direction. Maybe it is so that God knows who is being prayed for and where to look.

But is it really white? Is it any less satanic? Is it not still sorcery?