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JINN AS A SPIRITUAL STRONGHOLD IN SHARIA MUSLIM COUNTRY OF SOMALIA: IMPACT OF POWERS AND PRINCIPALITIES ON MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

Jinn's distortion is one of the causes that make Somali people resistant to the Gospel in its expression, use, and understanding that presents a real conflict with the Gospel hence a stronghold which keeps people captive on a cognitive and emotional level to a distorted view of reality and the gospel message.

The paper presents several ways of dealing with Jinn stronghold: transformational encounters, contextualization and power encounter that makes the said people group receptive to the Gospel.

This piece of work presents other strategies: Mobilization of Christians in the free world to pray and fast for Somali Muslims which has resulted to Somali Muslims embrace the Christian faith through dreams and visions, setting up of workshops and trainings for the MBCBS outside Somalia on the sovereignty of Christ over Jinn stronghold. Jesus defeated and disarmed the demonic stronghold (including the world of Jinn) by means of the cross, resisted these spiritual powers and casted them out as well as delegating this authority to the disciples (Matt.28:16-20)

Electronic Media remains one of the effective tools that can be used where physical presence is not possible. This writer proposes a research to be conducted on other strategies in reaching the Somali Muslims with the Gospel. These new areas include reaching to the Imam and Sheikhs, who are the religious gatekeepers among the Somali Muslims, mentoring and coaching of MBCBS and Social responsibility as well as conducting a discipleship program for the military personnel, especially those involved in peacekeeping in Sharia Muslim country of Somalia.

The paper concludes that Somali world of Jinn which deals with peoples' resistance to the Gospel is unmasked by removing its distortions hence creating a lesser resistant environment in doing mission work among the Somali people group.

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