

The study of lexical items for illness has revealed that the So people believe there are two sources of sickness. The first source of sickness comes from the physical world and disorders of human bodies are associated with this source. The

vocabulary can be categorized according to health care system, physical symptoms, and states of mind. The other source of sickness is the spiritual world : associated with this source of illness are vocabulary which deal with spirits, rituals, black magic and superstitions. The study of lexical items associated with the cures of illness are found three vocabulary categories. The first is terms for indigenous medications and medical paraphernalia of which there are four kinds : herbs, animals, minerals and inorganic materials. The second category is the vocabulary of the healers, and the third is the vocabulary associated with rituals.