

# Spiritual Warriors, Don't Take a Selfie With a Python

The python spirit has become one of the latest demonic rock stars—but this spirit is nothing to toy with. Indeed, a forest ranger in India just learned the hard way, and his struggle offers a spiritual warfare parallel.

*The Washington Post* reports:

“The rock python had just killed and eaten a goat, but perhaps more troubling, the reptile had crushed and consumed its meal within shouting distance of a school. Something had to be done. So worried residents in Jalpaiguri, a city in northeast India, called Sanjay Dutta, the local forest ranger, according to Reuters.

“As onlookers stared, Dutta corralled the 18-foot snake with an animal-control pole, then used thick gloves to grab the snake's head and pick it up. Crisis averted. All Dutta had to do was put it into a sack for quick transport back to the wild, perhaps to the banks of the nearby Teesta River, where it wouldn't pose a threat to humans.

“Instead, Dutta draped the snake around his neck. It was time for a celebratory selfie. Some residents hoisted smartphones, motioning for others to cram in closer to the forest ranger and the beast he'd captured. One man smoked what may have been a celebratory cigarette. A child sat on a man's shoulders, craning to get into the picture.”

This is the heart stance too many spiritual warriors take when they “think” they have overcome the enemy. Presumptuous spiritual warriors dance, sing and shout before the battle is won. They celebrate with selfies of victory before the devil is defeated because they haven't learned to discern the ring of victory in their spirit. They are walking by sight and not

by faith, to a degree, but what they often see next is defeat.

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