

EDITORIAL

All articles have been provided by the Christian Leaders' Training College. Two articles are by graduates of the College, while the third is by a faculty member. The first two articles address issues directly facing Melanesian churches. The third article should be an encouragement to Christians around the world.

Sebby Wasmande critiques the *Niu Laip Bilong Olgeta* movement in the Nuku District, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea. He begins by defining cults, and then shows that the *Niu Laip Bilong Olgeta* movement is a cult. He shows their beliefs, and compares them with biblical truth. He concludes with recommendations on approaching those caught up in the movement with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Earnestly Wasimanu explores traditional prayer in his culture, including traditional objects of prayer, traditional mediums of prayer, and the traditional shrine complex. He then looks at biblical prayer, and compares it to his culture's traditional prayer. He concludes with recommendations to people in his culture.

The third article is an exegesis of Is 2:1-4. It is a challenging, yet rewarding, passage to exegete. The passage talks of a wonderful time in the future for the nation of Israel, believers, and the world. The passage should motivate us, no matter what our culture, to live for the Lord today, in light of what He has planned for us.

Not everyone will agree with the conclusions reached by the authors. However, we hope that, as you wrestle through these issues, that the thoughts of the authors will help you to grow in your understanding of God's Word, and what it may say to your culture.

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