

“The White man’s Burden?”

Case Studies in Missions by Paul Hiebert

Global missiology.org published a 195 page case study about missions and cultures and Christian obligation to differentiate between Gospel conversion and cultural assimilation. Here are **some** of the discussions: (we can guess how tough it is for missionaries to prioritize values, traditions and doctrines for people groups)

Categories include: idols and ancestors, women and men, traditions and customs, sickness and death, finances and bribery, conversion and theology, walls that divide people, loyalty to church and state, just to name a few)

1. The Ancestral Feast
2. Grandmother’s Funeral
3. A Wedding in the People’s Republic of China
4. Family Gods (or Gods family)
5. Food Offered to Idols
6. Too Many Wives - Adultery or Polygamy?
7. Can a Christian Celebrate Diwali?
8. Banana Beer in Burundi
9. The Communal Feast
10. To Bribe or Not to Bribe?
11. The Threat of the Spirit Dancers.
12. A Sacrifice to the Goddess of Smallpox
13. Drought
14. Bonanza or Black Market?
15. A Group Conversion
16. Conversion or Social Convention?
17. Protest or Inaction?
18. Cross-Cultural Marriage
19. Trouble with Servants