

A Brief Overview of the Old New Hebrides

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ABSTRACT A “quick and dirty” ethnography of a specific time and place offers a valuable overview along with many leads for subsequent follow-up research projects. This review of the island chain now called Vanuatu covers some of the basics of pre-independence New Hebridean structure, function and life. As such, this perspective was of enormous value to the researchers involved in subsequent and parallel studies of the John Frum Cargo Cult and the educational system on the island of Tanna in the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) and various other related anthropological projects.