

anderen Salomonsinseln mit Vaterrecht und im Gegensatz zu den Neu-Hebriden und Banksinseln ,there is no difficulty about meeting, or mentioning the name of father- or mother-in-law, or any of a wife's kindred, and no extraordinary marks of respects are shewn' (C, p. 43).

f) Religiöse Vorstellungen, Opfer, Tapu. — Für die richtige Beurtheilung des religiösen Elementes bei den Melanesiern hält es Codrington für sehr wichtig, ,to distinguish between spirits who are beings of an order higher than mankind, and the disembodied spirits of men, which have become in the vulgar sense of the word ghosts (l. c. p. 120). Er constatirt nun ,a very remarkable difference between the natives of the New Hebrides and Bank's Islands to the east, and the natives of the Solomon Islands to the west; the direction of the religious ideas and practices of the former is towards spirits rather than ghosts, the latter pay very attention to spirits and address themselves almost wholly to ghosts. This goes with a much greater development of a sacrificial system in the west than in the east; and goes along also with a certain advance in the arts of life . . . In Fiji is the established custom to call the objects of the old worship gods; but Mr. Fison was ,inclined to think all the spiritual beings of Fiji, including the gods, simply the Mota tamate' i. e. ghosts; and the words of Mr. Hazelwood, quoted by Mr. Brenchley (Cruise of the Curaçao, p. 181) confirm this view . . . In Fiji also this worship of the dead, rather than of beings that never were in the flesh, accompanies a more considerable advance in the arts of life than is found in, for example, the Bank's Islands', C, p. 122. — ,The sacrifices, in the more restricted sense, of the Solomon Islands are widely different from those of New Hebrides and Banks' Islands; in the western islands the offerings are made to ghosts, and consumed by fire as well as eaten; in the eastern islands they are made to spirits, and there is no sacrificial fire or meal. In the former nothing is offered but food, in the latter money has a conspicuous place.' C, p. 129. — ,The tapu or tambu of Melanesia is not so conspicuous in native life as the tapu of Polynesia; and it differs also perhaps in this, that it never signifies any inherent holiness or awfulness, but always a sacred and unapproachable