

and apparently seriously retire after their service is ended.

In their devotion they have a kind of sacrament, using the root called on the Sandwich islands ava, but angooner in this country. In the first place they wash the root clean, and then chew it, and put it into a large plantain leaf, which is as big as a small tea table, which they lay in a hole in the ground, and then pour a small quantity of water to it, and rinse the substance out. This liquor the Rombetty serves out in small plantain leaves to his people, and as each one receives it, they all clap their hands and say mannon angooner, which is returning thanks to God in their way. After partaking of this they think they are happy, its effect being similar to that of laudanum.

Circumcision is a sacred rite among the natives of Feejee, and they circumcise their male children when young.

All their marriages are made by the parents when their children are in infancy; at which time the parties get together and have a great feast of the best the country affords, and partake of the angooner root: and after the young couple arrive to the age of maturity they live together. The chief is allowed eight or ten wives if he chooses.

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