# What is the cargo cult?

## A cargo cult is a Melanesian belief system in which a group of people in

an indigenous society imitate the behaviours, rituals, and symbols

associated with technologically advanced societies, particularly those

## characterized by transportation and material wealth, in the apparent hope

anthropology during and after World War II.

## of attracting similar benefits. This term was introduced to the field of

















# Reasons

indigenous people, but the foreigners have unfairly gained control of these objects

Since the modern manufacturing process is unknown to them, members, leaders,

#### culture have been created by spiritual means. These goods are intended for the local

that spiritual agents will, at some future time, give much valuable cargo and desirable

#### manufactured products to the cult members.

through malice or mistake. Thus, a characteristic feature of cargo cults is the belief

and prophets of the cults maintain that the manufactured goods of the non-native











