



A pictorial map of the world promoting Protestant Missionary work

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The Pictorial Missionary Map of the World.

London: James Nisbet & Co., c.1861. Chromolithograph, sheet 465 x 710mm.

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A double-hemisphere map of the world coloured to show the spread of each religion, with most coloured black for 'Heathen'. It is surrounded by vignettes, most contrasting the cruelties of paganism with the advantages of Christianity. The cruelties including the burning of a wicker man in pagan England, Chinese Buddhists burying infants alive, warring Native Americans and Maoris and slavery. Besides a scene of 'Liberated Negroes in Sierra Leone', the main advantage of Christianity is having a preacher to listen to. Drawn by John Gilbert (1810-89), this map was issued separately, for use in schools and fund-raising for missionary work.

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