

Fig.094 Illustration showing natives receiving supplies by the colonizers of their land. These colonizers made it impossible for natives to conduct their hunting and gathering way of life. Nonetheless natives still climb high trees to get wild honey for the new neighbours and might only get some cheap, unhealthy and even addicting supply in return.

Honesty Among the Natives of Lower Asia

Natives set "no fixed value on their various properties". When exchanging gifts they "give such objects as are desired by another in the hope of receiving in return something for which they have expressed a wish". In general their possessions consist of goods "which need to be more or less frequently replaced" and in this respect they are not "tied by any laws of inheritance". The nearest kins take possession of "all the effects left by a deceased person" and distributes them among their fellows (Man 1883). To these days however natives exchange as much as "four gallons" of the honey they gather in exchange for "government-supplied starch" with which they make the low nourishing Indian fried bread. And while the authorities make the natives "work for a daily wage" clearing undergrowth, a government run body provides them "rations and medicine" but keeps the money they earn "giving them only a little in hand". So generally natives "have no money" and do not know "how money is earned". In fact to "understand the value of money" they would have to "understand how to keep accounts" but they can only "count one and two". Presently natives get "alcohol and tobacco in exchange for their takings" with "outsiders" fingering to them the house where a farmer might have gathered "gold jewelry and expensive saris for his daughter’s wedding" (Mukerjee 2003).