

Moana Prodigals: Encircling the Void in Luke 15:11–32 with Albert Wendt

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Seeing the bible as the only true story (unchallenged, uncriticised, and untouchable) leaves us with a void, a silent incompleteness in understanding who we are as *moana*. Today, the *moana* of stories produced by *moana* writers assists us to encircle our search and struggles for some structure of meaning. Our task is to rework the biblical stories with our indigenous references, symbols, values, languages, and literature, to reconstitute biblical stories as changing but changeless island literary and hermeneutical designs.

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