

## **The Sky in the World View of the Australian Aborigines**

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The lecturer presents his insights into the role the sky has played in the lives of the Australian Indigenous peoples. He has collected his knowledge in two journeys to Australia. The Indigenous peoples have displayed the principles of construction of the constellations in bark paintings. These paintings, together with oral stories, show similarities to the occidental configurations. However, the moon plays a special role in the Aboriginal sky. To this respect first insights into the relationship between the tide and a simplified utilisation of a moon calendar could be gained. In addition, petroglyphs support the interpretations. A depiction of the Sun will be analysed with regard its meaning as well. Nevertheless, the controversial question about the age of the interpretations by the Indigenous people remains open.