

## **Die Religion der australischen Aborigines – Grundlagen für den Religionsunterricht**

### **English Abstract:**

So much is different in Aboriginal religion in comparison to other religions – so much that the British colonists at first doubted whether the Australian Aborigines had anything like a religion at all. Today, however, there is no question that the Australian Aborigines have a religion in the full sense of the term, which, moreover, fascinates the world with its mythology, its ritual and its rock art. This contribution aims to give a basic overview of the most important features of Aboriginal religion like *dreamtime* and *songlines*, totemism and totemic ancestors, secret-sacred objects and sacred sites, mythology and ceremonial life as well as initiation. The references list several useful films, books and articles including a selection of the relevant anthropological literature.