



Islands of Sanctuary

Discussion Guide

- ❖ Many island nations in the Pacific have been militarized by the United States and other governments, often for decades.
 - What are the ecological and cultural consequences of this militarization?
 - What are effective ways to restore lands and cultures, to recover from these long-term impacts?
 - How does militarization, and resistance to it, indirectly affect people living far from these islands?
- ❖ Australian Aborigines believe in The Dreamtime, or Dreaming, a creation time when place, story, song, and memory converge. These “songlines” are critical to recognizing sacred places.
 - In your own experience, how has story and song tied you to a place?
 - Do you think such indigenous songs could be used to demarcate ancestral territory in courts?
- ❖ What is a sanctuary? Have you ever been somewhere you consider to be a sanctuary?
- ❖ Do you think Western spirituality is connected to the land where people live? Either way, has this always been the case? What are the consequences of that connection, or lack thereof?



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