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**ABSTRACT:** An Element on the role of violence in the traditional religions of the Pacific Islands (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia) and on violent activity in islander religious life upon the opening of Oceania to the modern world. This work covers such issues as tribal warfare, sorcery and witchcraft, traditional punishment, and gender imbalance, and moves on to consider the continuation of old types of violence despite momentous socio-religious change.

**KEYWORDS:** violence, religion, payback, rebellion, rituals

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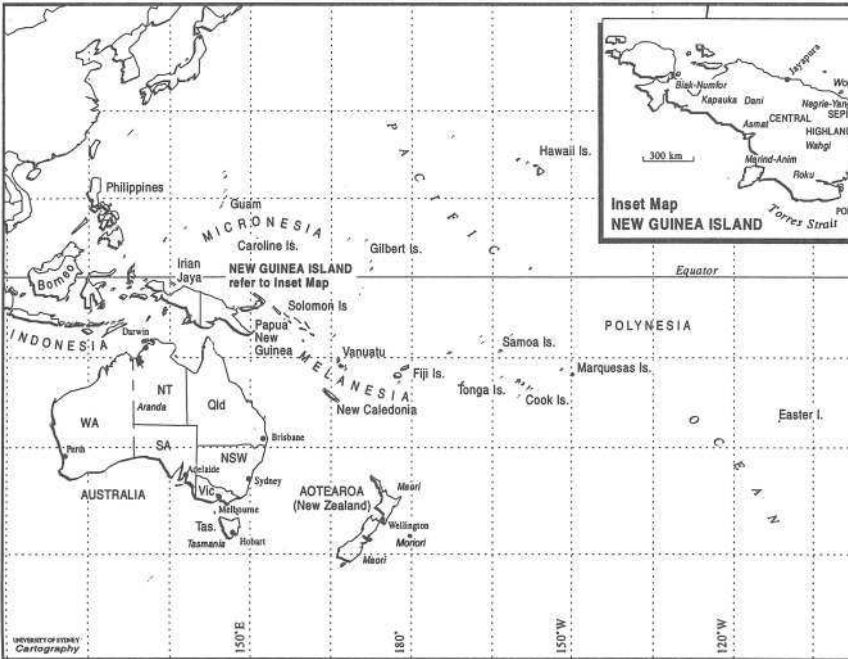


Figure 1 Map of the Pacific Islands