

Night manoeuvres 2004, c type photograph

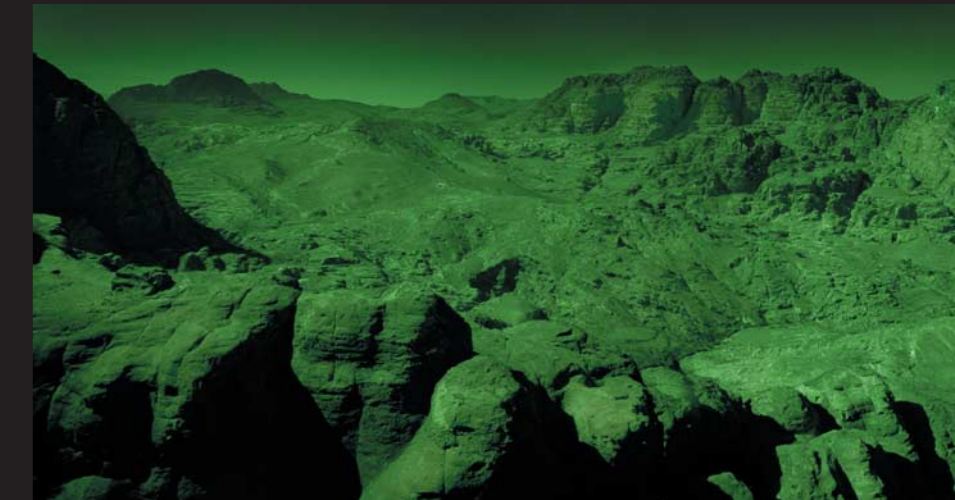
...destroyed completely with their houses, garden walls, and even cemeteries and tomb-stones so that literally a stone does not remain standing and passing visitors are told that it was all desert. You do not even know the names of the villages because these geography books no longer exist; not only do the books not exist, the villages are not there.

Cover image: Road to Baghdad 2004
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Disappearance and the inherent quality of its associated melancholia and evaporation of meaning, hover like hollow ghosts that fog the brightest desert day. But the fog can lift while walking country when stories can be told, on journeys that can only be made by being travelled and memory stretches its legs.



Phillip George



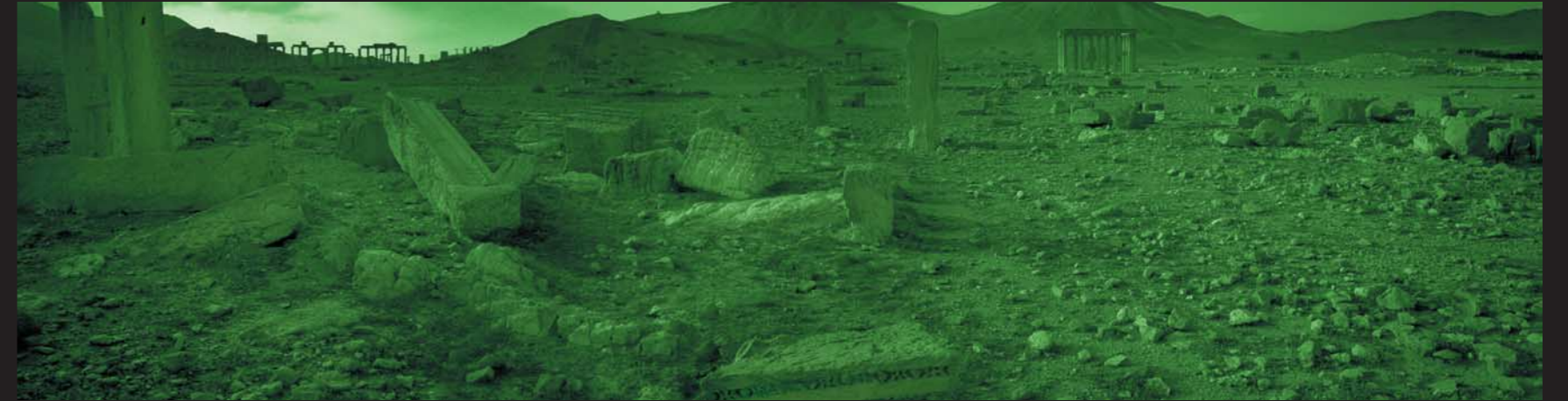
Lost Stories

Walking country, performing the Hajj or making a Pilgrimage (depending on your tribe), to nodal places of sanctity, deliver meaning to land, return story and strengthen culture. When walking country Beboin or Aboriginal, bump into the No Vacancy sign, as country turns into territory.



Balgo – water stories 2004, c type photograph

Supervising the forgetting of extermination is part of the process of extermination, abolition of memory and history and of the cultural, is more essential than the original event. Re-telling of the story occupies more time and space than the original event, concerned as we are in protecting the evolution of own reality.



Passing hegemony 2004, c type photograph

We excavated this land neither in mythical dreams nor in the illustrated page of an old book, nor did we create it in the way companies and institutions are established. It is our father and mother. We did not, either, buy it through an agency or shop, and we have been under no pressure to love it. We identify ourselves as its pulse and the marrow of its bones. It is therefore ours, and we belong to it.

Mahmoud Darwish



Finding Mecca 2004



Finding Jeff 2004



The Affliction of the Protestant 2004



Black sun water stories 2004



Incognito 2004

The Affliction of the Protestant

Confrontation with difference does not occur only at the geographic peripheries of a region, but whenever competing codes engage over the conceptual distinction of cultural space. Culture shock is not confined to the journeys across foreign borders but also experienced at home.

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