

duly appreciated by European anthropologists, nor received the consideration at their hands that it merits. Perhaps I am presumptuous in undertaking the task; but if a decade's contact with savage races and a close study of their habits, customs and modes of thought be any qualification for the undertaking, I may, at least, claim that.

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naming, in the sense in which the savage regards names, and not as a system of social rules and regulations, as held by most European students, the data from Australian and other sources which compelled the majority of European anthropologists to reconsider their position, fall naturally into place in the American conception of things, and cause no embarrassment to the American student whatever; and in this, as I have tried to show, he was quite right.