
11 Conclusion

Funerary rites the world over confirm relationships between the living, and establish a different relationship with the newly dead. These relationships may not end with the burial, but continue long after in dialogues with the ancestors, in physical or incorporeal form. Rites of placation or supplication and rituals of remembrance may all have a part to

play. The presence of the dead within the landscape of the living may help define the community, re-establish ancestry and ownership of the land. Some aspects of the start of the complex relationship between the living and the dead can be found in the archaeological record of funerary sites, as at Loth Road.