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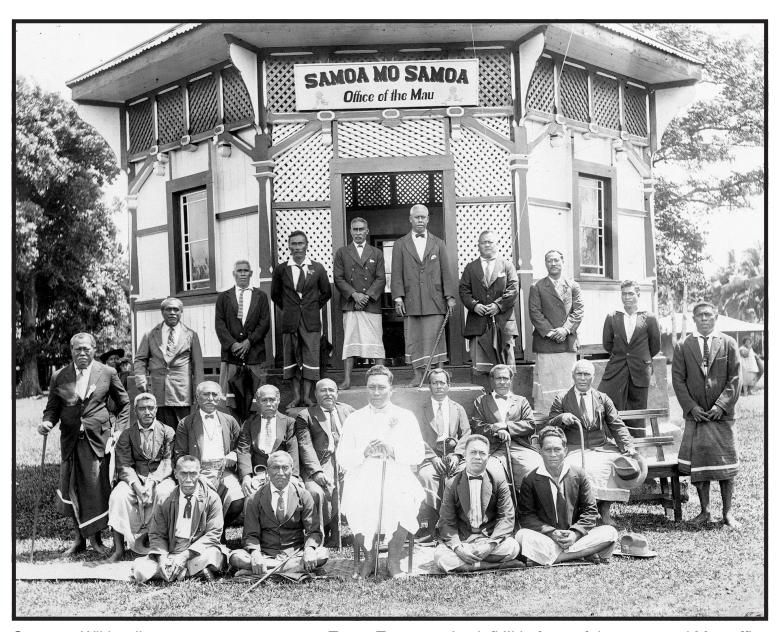
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Tupua Tamasese Lealofi III.



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Tupua Tamasese Lealofi III in front of the octagonal Mau office in Vaimoso village, near Apia, 1929. (Photograph by Aly 1901 – 29 December 1929) was a high chief of Samoa



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Mau carrying the coffin of Tupua Tamasese Lealofi III. Standing to the right wearing a single white stripe on his lava-lava, the Mau uniform, is Mata'afa Faumuina Fiame Mulinu'u I, who later became the President of the Mau.

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In another account we are given a brief description of the homeland of Irihia, and of the arrival of a band of immigrants from the land of Uru, lying to the westward. These immigrants were under the leadership of a chief named Kopuratahi, who acquired much influence over a certain people of Irihia—just

here we pick up the translation of the original:

"Now when the powers of leadership had been acquired by Kopuratahi and his subordinate chieftain companions, and all those people acknowledged their sway, also their control of people, of lands, and of priestcraft in connection with all the gods of those people of Irihia, then the priestly experts of Irihia said to Kopuratahi and his five hundred chieftain companions:-'Inasmuch as you have all settled here as chiefs for us, then do you come and be conducted to the summit of the mountain of rites of our ancestors, the offspring of Ranginui who stands above us.' At that place stands their edifice Hawaiki-rangi, also at that place are their dead buried. There are four doors that face the four winds-Paraweranui, Tahu-makakanui, Tahu-mawakenui and Hurunukuatea [honorific terms for south, west, east and north]. Those are the ways by which diverged the offspring of Tane-nui-a-Rangi, and by which the souls of his descendants return to the source of supernatural powers, to fare on to Hinenui-te-Po at Tahekeroa, others to ascend the toi huarewa to Ranginui and the bespaced heavens above.

"Then Kopuratahi and his companions agreed to go and see that sacred place. This was the first they had heard of it; it was a tapu place whereat were arranged all matters connected with godship in the upper world. So the journey was agreed to, and it is said that two days' climbing were necessary in order to attain the summit of that mountain. At that place Kopuratahi and his companions were subjected to the pure rite, sacred formulae were recited, invocations to Io the Parentless, to his attendants the whatu kura and marei kura, to the male and female denizens of the bespaced heavens, also all other companies of supernatural

beings of those heavens.

"Now it is said that ceremonial feasts and placatory offerings to the gods were conducted at that place, all important and sacred rites; there are many more reports of this nature. Well, such is the trend of these explanations; the greater part of these recitals had been formulated when the offspring of Ranginui and Papatuanuku assumed their various tasks, including matters pertaining

to the bespaced heavens, to Io of the Hidden Face, the assignment of the regional guardians, and the edifice constructed by them, which was in this style—In it were four passage ways and four doors, one on the south side, one at the west, one at the north, and one at the eastern side. Within it lay the sacred stones

of Tane and Tangaroa.

"Now some of the descendants of the offspring of the Earth Mother fared to the south and there died; in like manner those who went to the west there died; those who went to the north died in those parts, and those who went eastward died there. Their spirits then returned by the same route as that traversed by their bodies. On entering the edifice of Hawaiki-rangi the spirits of those who sympathised with their father ascended by the whirlwind path to the bespaced heavens, to Io of the Hidden Face and the various companies of denizens of those heavens. Those spirits that sympathised with the Earth Mother proceeded to pass down the long descend of Tahekeroa to the underworld of Rarohenga."

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> As we have seen Irihia is but one of at least four names applied to the tapu mountain mentioned above; it is also the name of the homeland wherein that mountain is situated. (Some information concerning the sacred 'house' Hawaiki-nui or Hawaiki-rangi will be found in Smith's The Lore of the Whare-Wananga, Part 1, pp. 112 et seq., 149, 153, 189, etc.). The pure rite referred to is one of a purificatory nature, but several rites differing somewhat in nature and effect come under the heading of pure. Anyone visiting a very tapu place had to be prepared in this manner, as Tane was when he visited the realm of the Supreme Being, and this rite is also performed over spirits of the dead when they enter the tapu edifice of Hawaiki-rangi that stands on the summit of the mountain of Maungaharo or Tihi-o-manono. Evidently the belief was that some gross qualities still clung to the spirit after it had left its earthly tenement.

Each of the four entrances to Hawaiki-rangi is said to have had its proper name, and there were four takuahi or fire pits, one opposite each entrance; these were probably used for sacred or ceremonial fires, which entered largely into Maori ritual performances. The two passages (kauwhanga) that passed through the edifice were in the form of a cross, their exits being the entrance alluded to. These four roads from north, south, east and west were termed ara matua (main roads), and they met in the middle of the thrice tapu edifice of Hawaiki-nui or Hawaiki-rangi. It is worthy of note that the term ara matua is also

employed to denote the apparent path of the sun across the heavens.

It is explained that all spirits of the dead must return to the old homeland of the race and enter Hawaiki-rangi, the "clearing house" of all wairua. After undergoing the pure rite the spirit then chooses its final destination, and the decision is based on the feeling entertained toward the primal parents, the Sky Father and the Earth Mother. As excess of affection for, or sympathy with, the latter is followed by the descent to the underworld of Hinetitama by way of Tahekeroa, the long descent. Those spirits that feel more drawn to the Sky Parent ascend to the heavens, but pass far beyond the lowermost heaven that is viewed as the parent of mankind; they pass to the uppermost heaven, the Toi o nga rangi, the realm of Io-matua, where they are welcomed by the attendants of Io, the denizens of that region. Spirits that leave Hawaiki-rangi to descend to Rarohenga pass out through the western entrance by the sunset route; those that ascend to the

- heavens leave by the eastern doorway. The path or means by which spirits ascend to the heavens has two names applied to it, viz., ara tiatia and toi huarewa. Explanations of these terms do not agree. Some assert that both are honorific or secendotal terms for whirlwinds, but others seem to believe that the ara tiatia is but
 - the first part of the ascent and that beyond it is the toi huarewa. The ordinary explanation of the toi huarewa is to the effect that it
- is a sort of spiderweb-like cord hanging from the heavens. We are told that Tawhaki ascended to the heavens by that means. It is probably the same as the ara taepa or pendant way mentioned in some myths. The experts of the Whare Wananga or school of learning, however, taught that toi huarewa is a special term used to denote the whirlwind path to the heavens, the ordinary names for a whilwind being awhiowhio, awhiorangi, urupuhau and rorohau. The special terms often appear in chants and laments for the dead, as:

Kia tomo atu koe ki roto o Hawaiki-rangi, i takoto ai te toi huarewa Kia eke ai koe ki te tihi o nga rangi, kia uru koe ki te Rauroha Kia tuatia koe ki te moana o rongo i purea ai Tane-matua. INORA'S NET

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In these tones the spirit is called upon to enter the "spirit house" where the toi huarewa is, that it may ascend to the summit of the heavens, there to enter the Rauroha, the domain of Io, whereat Tanematua underwent the pure rite.

The bulk of evidence goes to show that ara tiatia is but another name of the toi huarewa, though the first name denotes a means of ascent consisting of a series of pegs used as steps, a form of

ladder differing from the ara tuateka and arawhata. The ara tiatia o Tane is the way by which Tane and the Wind Children ascended to the heavens, and this, the way we are discussing, the whirlwind path. This ara (path or way) leads from the eastern doorway of Hawaiki-rangi to the heavens.

In an old song occurs the following:

Piki ake, kake ake ki te toi huarewa Te ara o Tawhaki i piki ai ki ninga ra.

So that the use of this means of ascent was not confined to spirits of the dead, as such supernatural beings as Tane and Tawhaki also ascended by it. Farewelling spirits of the dead in laments was much favoured in days of yore, and the various stages of the journey are sometimes alluded to in such effusions. Here is a lament composed by one Wharepatari for his child:

Ane! Tama ariki, kei whea koe a ngaro whaka aitu nei Kia whakaputa mai to wairua me he mea ko Puaroa Nga tokowhitu tatai arorangi o te o rongonui Ka maha noa atu e rotu i au Kia haere koe te kauwhanga ariki i o tuakara E tatai ra i roto i te Mangoroiata Kia puta atu koatou ki te Rauroha i te toi huarewa Kia tomo koe Rangiatea, kia uru koe te kauhou whatukura Ka maha roa atu i au . . e . . i.

Herein the singer asks his child as to whither it has gone, and that the child's spirit may appear to him like unto Puaroa in the heavens (Puaroa seems to be a term applied to comets). The child is farewelled to celestial regions by way of its "ancestors" who gleam in the Milky Way, to pass upward by the toi huarewa to the uppermost heaven, there to enter the realm of Io the Supreme Being and join the company of Whatukura, the male denizens of that heaven, leaving the parent sad and lonely in this world.

The four-way path that meets in the tapu edifice of Hawaiki-nui is termed the ara matua. By those four roads leading to north, east, south and west the descendants of the primal parents, Sky and Earth, wandered forth to all parts of the world, by the same path their spirits return to the old homeland of the race. Hawaiki nui o Maruaroa is the tuahu or place of rites at Hawaiki-nui, and Maruaroa is the season of the winter solstice, the takanga o te ra or changing of the sun, while the term ara matua is also used to denote the ecliptic as well as the famed four-way path of Hawaiki-nui. Could we but ascertain the origin of these superior myths of Polynesian folk I am convinced that they would prove to be primarily astronomical. The Hawaiki-nui to which the souls of the dead journey is, we are told, the true and original Hawaiki