

KE A'O LOKO O LONO
(THE INNERMOST KNOWLEDGE OF LONO)

As haumana of the Temple of Lono, we have come to know and understand the knowledge of the staff of life, pa halau o te atua, maiola (healing light, the knowledge of the temple) and aumakua (huna mana – ancestral worship, the source of knowledge) as the root and bone of Hawaiian spiritualism based on the Pu'uhonua and its sovereignty. The time has come to share our mana'o.

The foundation of the pre-contact traditional Hawaiian religion as passed down orally from Mahea O Kalani Lono O Ka Makahiki and Kahuna Nu Pali Ku Samuel Hoopii O Kalani Lono o Ka Makahiki Po Paki, is Pa Halau O Te Atua (the foundation of the four gods – Ku, Kanaloa, Lono, Kane). We of the Temple of Lono believe in the four gods as the foundation of traditional Hawaiian religion.

KU, the god of the ocean, should not be confused with the Western interpretation of Kamehameha's aumakua Kukailimoku. Ku is chronologically recognized first in the relationship to the staff of life. From the ocean our evolutionary life began and we continue to receive sustenance from this source. We reverence the ocean as a natural force that can give life and take life. HE TU, HE TU, ATEA TE TAI O TU.

KANALOA, is the god of the sun, whose light gives energy to all living things on earth; whose source of heat evaporates the waters on earth. KANALOA spins the clouds in the atmosphere. We reverence the sun as a natural force that can give life and take life. HE TANAROA, HE TANAROA, LAU WILI E TA OHU.

LONO is the god of the 'aina that provides the staff of life for man; whose magnetic force draws down the water of life from the clouds down to earth creating an abundance of food for all living things. "Oh LONO of the air, you speak in many ways soft or wild you sound through birds and trees. Your revered music rings through waterfalls. Let us see you and let us hear you so that our source is as real as ourselves. Warm and brown and filled with seeds awaiting, may the sacred soil bring forth sweet fruit foods to strengthen and sustain us as we work. Oh LONO your face is seen in earth and rock." We reverence the 'aina as a natural force that can give life and take life. HE RONO, HE RONO, HE ULU TA MEA AI I TA POE HONUA.

KANE, the god of fresh water, completes the Kumulipo of the four gods. We reverence fresh water as a natural force that can give life and take life. HE TANE, HE TANE, TAHE TA WAI I TE TUAHIWI, HE RURI RURI I TA PO'O A TU, A TEA TE TAI O TU.

As we reverence earth, air, fire and water, may we each know and be Kumulipo. Receive and wisely use the huna mana and together we enjoy the reign of Mu.

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