

TARANAKI CONFERENCE

WHANAU ORA IS THE TRADITION I WAS BORN INTO
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Kia ora tatau te huihui i tenei wa. Nga mihi nui, nga mihi aroha ki i a koutou katoa. "Energise The Spirit With Brave Words", is the theme of this Conference. May I link you into "The Celebration of Infinite Wisdom" an energy that I understand.

I was born into the tradition of Whanau Ora. Our Whanau is made up of every living thing that seeks sustenance from Papatuanuku, our Earth Mother in the "Four Directions". "ORA" for me, means "of the Central Sun, the Divine Spark". Yes, our Whanau links into the "ONENESS" of everything that exists.

Our philosophical base links into "Te Wheke"... the Octopus and its three hearts. It is second nature for me to assess my total well being, according to the "Gospel of Te Wheke", so that I can stand in my own power and wisdom, and not be programmed by the State.

What do the "Three Hearts" of Te Wheke link into?

- 1) Aroha... the Presence and the Breath of our Divine Source, "Unconditional Love".*
- 2) Ra Ngati Ra... The Living Breath that begins and ends with the Central Sun, the Divine Spark.*
- 3) Whenua... we come from our Whenua in our Mother's womb, and when our bodies die physically we return to the Whenua of our Earth Mother Papatuanuku, the Mother who first begat Humanity, indeed all progeny.*

The Eight "Kawai Rangatira" ... (Esteemed Tentacles) need the three hearts to develop holistically, and to merge into the "Oneness" of the Head and the Stomach.

I hope that you will see why "Celebration" is a natural part of our Traditions. My generation had a wananga recently to discuss some of the differences we see in regard to the way we were brought up by our old people. We were brought up to stand in our own power Our old people from Waikaremoana and Wairoa, died on the average between

108 and 114. They also had all their wits about them, until they died. They were not programmed by the Western world.

Each day I tune in with my eight kawai / dimensions to see how I'm going to cope with a very busy full life. Come journey with me. Each one of us resonates in a way that is appropriate for each one of us. This is how I resonate.

Mana Ahua Ake / Vested Authority / Absolute Uniqueness

I am absolutely unique there has never ever been anyone like me or you, and there never will be. I am a "miracle in expression" with vested authority from our Divine Source, and my ancestors. I believe in celebrating each day, by being true to myself, and not being programmed by the State system or anything else. I love myself to the 'enth' degree, and one of my favourite songs is, "Oh Lord it's Hard To Be Humble, When You're Perfect In Every way."

Taha Tinana / Physical World

I thank my physical body for what it does for me intuitively day after day, without being directed by me.. I show my appreciation to my body, by eating food that comes direct from land that is free of pollution, and pesticides. My physical body is in very good health, regardless of a dislocated hip, and old injuries I received in a bad accident.

We also have a lot of natural vegetation and introduced vegetables and herbs growing on our land, as well as a huge variety of fruit and indigenous trees, that provide us with food as well as rongoa/medicine. We also have the good fortune of having pure spring water at our home.

My body is sacred, particularly my head and genital region. I was nurtured, cherished and baptized in my mother's womb for nine months, and I was born of water, the most sacred water for me. I believe in living with nature, and I am very much involved with replenishing bird numbers and regenerating trees and plants that are at

Waikaremoana. We are regarded as some of the finest conservationists in the world.

Hinengaro / Mental Dimension

Hinengaro, the "hidden mother" in all of us, has two children, Tumatauenga her son who is the left brain, and her daughter Rongo who is the right brain. We have always been whole brain learners, and believe in the power of the mind, and visualization.

We choose to think positively about everything that we do, or to move into neutral, when dealing with challenges. The biggest challenge I have of remaining neutral is when I have to deal with my immediate family. My great grandmother was the Matriarch the Head of many Hapu, and it was she who made me realize of just how important it was to stand in my own power, and to be true to myself. It was she who stunned us when she died, because she was so strong, and was still in full control of our Hapu, and it was as if she chose to go while she was still on the crest of the wave. She died at a 108, and predicted many things that have occurred in my life.

Whanaungatanga / Bonding / Kinship Ties to all Living things / Social Interaction

I was brought up to see the whole of humanity as Ngati Ra, because we all come from the same Divine Source "Ra Ngati Ra". I was encouraged to excel in all areas of development so that I could be a strong resource person for the family, the community, the Nation, and then the World Community. We were taught to welcome and embrace all peoples onto our marae. We welcome people from all over the world into our home from many different cultures and religions. I have travelled the world and have interacted with at least a hundred and fifty Nations over the years.

Our ancient ancestors were Peace Keepers, and we come from a tradition of resolving conflict through peaceful means, not war. One of my most successful lecture tours was

travelling through Germany, a Nation of people who fought the Maori in two World Wars. All the lectures were packed because the Maori Battalion is a legend, and the German people wanted to interact with a Maori Speaker. We are regarded as the finest Social Scientists in the world.

Whatumana / Emotional Dimension / "the all seeing eye of the heart".

We believe in expressing our emotions as long as we do not hurt others in the process. We also believe in using most, if not all our senses, when communicating or feeling for energies. We have six senses that we use as much as we can to ensure that we are in communication mode at all levels. Except for sight, all the following senses... listening, smelling, tasting, feeling, and touching, are working at full power for me. Using a "sixth sense"... intuitive intelligence is second nature to me, and enables me to work at a metaphysical spiritual level.

Mauri / Life force, Ethos, Psychic Dimension

This dimension comes in at conception, and is unique to the individual. It includes an inbuilt healing energy called "Mauri O Ra". I have used my healing energy time and time again, including the time I had a brain tumour. Every time I drink or eat, I acknowledge my healing energy, as a form of thanksgiving.

Ha A Koro ma, A Kui Ma, Taonga Tuku iho / Cultural Dimension.

My cultural identity, and ancestral treasures are paramount to me. I wear my cultural cloak with great pride, and I enjoy celebrating the similarities and differences I have with other cultures, because I know that we are "ONE" on a Spiritual Level. I know that it sometimes takes us a half a day to welcome and greet people, but I hope we never lose these particular traditions.

Wairuatanga / Spirituality... Two Waters

I am a Spirit having a physical journey. I have two waters, one is called Waïora, which is pure Divine energy, and the other water called Waituhi records everything I do in my life whether it be good or bad. What I do at the end of each day is send the energy of my transgressions to the Central Sun the Divine Spark to help me cleanse myself. I have a direct line to the Divine Source and our Divine Parents...and I do not need a Mediator to act on my behalf.

He Atua! He Tangata! ... I am Divine! and Beautifully Human!

Taku mana, taku mana, mana motuhake!

Taku ihi, taku ihi, takuy wanawana!

Tihei Mauriora!