

## TE WHEKE

*The Octopus - Celebrates infinite wisdom in terms of the ancient teachings of Hawaiiki*

An explanation of the symbol is as follows:

The head represents the child/family.

Each tentacle represents a dimension that requires and needs certain things to help give sustenance to the whole.

The suckers on each tentacle represent the many facets that exist within each dimension.

The tentacles move out in an infinite direction for sustenance when the octopus moves laterally.

The tentacles can also be intertwined so that there is a merge, with no clear cut boundaries. The dimensions need to be understood in relation to each other, and within the context of the whole.

The simple teachings of this book reach into the past, present and future of the ancient teachings of Hawaiiki. The author's learned teachers and forebears from Ngati Ruapani, Tuhoe Potiki and Ngati Kahungunu received insight and knowledge that had been transmitted to them over a period of twelve thousand years.

This is the first time that some of this knowledge has been written for general publication. Such knowledge had been held in trust through the spoken word so that people outside the selected students could not tamper with what was intended from the beginning.

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## TOHU TAMARIKI

*Children's Gifts*

**Tamariki:** Tama is derived from Tama-te-ra the central sun, the divine spark; ariki refers to senior most status, and riki on its own can mean smaller version. Tamariki is the Maori word used for children. Children are the greatest legacy the world community has.

There are many gifts that little children have, but perhaps the following will suffice for the purposes of this book of learning. They are:

- creativity
- imagination
- innocence
- affection
- laughter
- tears
- healing
- honesty
- facial communication
- intuition
- energy
- mimicry

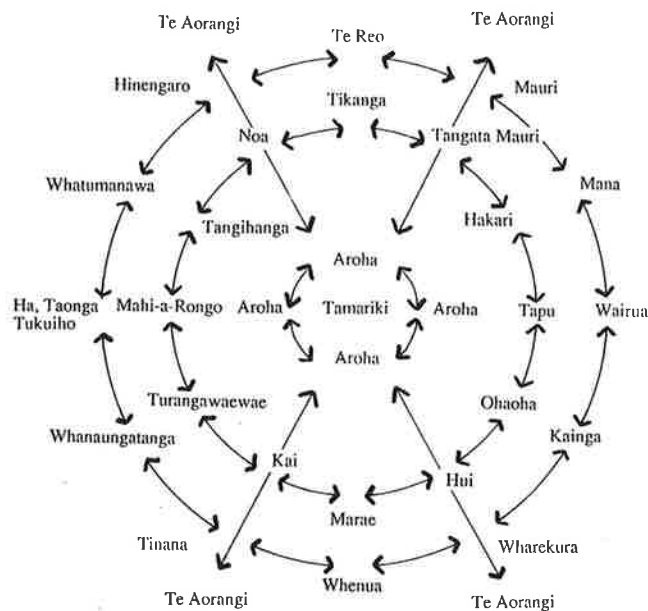


As a child of the universe the author was taught to make a gift of love to the universe if anything negative affected her life. She learnt from her elders that everything in the universe is perfect. People and anything else only become less than perfect when compared to someone or something else, or when influenced by negative forces.

## TE AORANGI

### *The Universe*

A person's education is based on his or her experiences and understandings. The university of ancient Hawaiiki is the universe. Education in this context knows no boundaries.



This model shows a Maori educational framework where institutions do not stand in isolation, but actually merge into each other.

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## AROHA

*Unconditional love that is derived from the presence and the breath of The Godhead.*

Aroha is an important concept in regard to the survival and true strength of whanaungatanga (kinship ties, extended family across all universes). It is a quality that is essential to the survival and total well-being of the world community. It is a pillar of life from Āiō Mātua (the Godhead, the Divine Parents).

Aroha is not to be talked about, it is only meaningful when actioned. Human needs, the human element, are more important than material possessions. For example, one has started saving money to buy a new car, and then something happens to a member of the family or tribe that requires finance, in regard to personal strife such as illness, death or the threat of losing an ancestral home, one does not hesitate to hand over whatever money has been saved up, to help out. Caring for people and sharing is also quite common place for Maori people who have retained the traditions of old. Example: an uncle of the author adopted twenty two children.

While he did not have much finance he made good use of the natural resources on ancestral land. He was a tiller of the soil and a wonderful conservationist. His children learnt about the importance of sharing their aroha with the trees, the birds, the fish and their earth mother, Papatuanuku.

The pressures of urban living can sometimes make this concept more difficult to uphold. Where there is aroha however, individual differences and cultural diversity are to be found enriching and exciting. Each person respecting and caring for the other engenders a climate of goodwill and support.

Evil or negative forces cannot flourish where absolute aroha reigns. In a climate of aroha, the psyche, the spirit of a person can soar to great heights. Aroha is truly a divine love because it knows no bounds, and is infinite.