

WAO ATUA

Our atua embody the many forms and manifestations of naturally occurring phenomena (e.g. water, plants, oxygen, sun). They are the source points of mauri ora and from them we perceive of the taiao around us. Our wao atua will endure, still grow, still flow, but the kounga (quality) of that growth has changed through our actions, which is impacting and creating imbalance.

We must re-establish a balance that our tūpuna knew within a new context.

WAO TANGATA

As the human element of this living system in the here and now, interacting with wao atua and reclaiming wao tūpuna, we need to ensure we feed back into both. The key to this is application and practice of the ways of knowing and doing in atua spaces to understand them in our current context. In this regard we are responsible to all three spaces, to maintain practice, adapt and change when balance is needed, and to nurture atua and tūpuna knowledge into the future.



WAO TŪPUNA

Our tūpuna were in tune with their wao atua and left behind much knowledge and wisdom pertaining to what it looked like in a balanced, regenerative state. This then became the blueprint preserved in many forms (e.g. karakia, pūrākau, waiata) and passed down through the generations. This knowledge was built alongside and refined successively through application and practice. It is living.

MAURI

The energy exchanges between the uri of our atua and their ao (i.e. our resources) that allow for transfer of life and transition through death to give back to atua spaces.

Mauri is carried in wai, which also must flow/move/rere. This is what binds all things, while mauri cannot be controlled by us, it can be impacted by our actions. Mauri comes from atua spaces and manifests in physical 'ora' for people when in balance and allowed to flow.

SPACE/NATURAL RESOURCES

WHAKAPAPA

Is a system of knowledge, and understanding passed through generations, not only of human ancestry but Ao Tūroa ancestry.

Whakapapa provides us with tohutohu that highlight the flow, order, layering and connections of Te Ao Tūroa.

Whakapapa maps the natural order of things, successions of mauri flow and how each of our atua are connected in space and time, as well as where we as tangata/teina can interact, in order to support the continuation of mauri.

PRACTICE

KNOWLEDGE WISDOM



TE AO TŪROA

A functioning, living system that requires all parts to work together if it is to thrive. A concept that our tūpuna understood. Knowing and purposefully living their knowledge and practice within balance in Te Ao Tūroa. Actions and reactions, knowing and doing better. Our whetū - a regenerative natural flow of energy allowing for life - orangatonutanga (not sustaining what we have now, which is already out of balance).