

THE HAWAIIAN CREATION STORY

FROM THE DARKNESS...



In the beginning, there was nothing but Po; the endless black chaos. Then Kāne, sensing that he was separate from the Po, pulled himself free by an act of sheer will. Sensing Kāne's presence, Lono and then Kū also pulled themselves free of Po.

COMES FORTH THE LIGHT AND THE SOUND AND THE STUFF.



Kāne then created the light to push back Po while Kanaloa stayed to rule the darkness. Lono brought sound to the universe and Kū brought substance. Between them, they created all the lesser Gods. Then together, the three Gods created the Menehune, the lesser spirits to be their messengers and servants and finally the world to be their footstool.

PEOPLE SCULPTING



Finally, they gathered red clay from the four corners of the world, they mixed the clay with their spittle and molded it into the shape of a man. Then Kāne took a special magical white clay and formed it into a head. Then the three Gods breathed life into the statue and created the first man. The first man was created in the image of Kāne.

ISLANDS ISLANDS AND MORE ISLANDS



Later, Wākea, would meet and marry Papahānaumoku and they would become the great Sky Father and Earth Mother. Together their union would birth the islands of Hawaii, Maui and Kaho'olawe. Wākea was united with other goddesses and had the islands of Molokai and Lanai with them. Later, Papa returned to Hawaii and was united with another god and gave birth to the island of Oahu. Papa was reunited with Wākea and gave births to the islands of Kauai and Niihau, thus completing the creation of the Hawaiian Islands.

THE FIRST COUPLE



Considered the first couple to produce children, all divine and royal bloodlines can be traced back to Wakea and Papa. The couple had many children, including a daughter called Ho'ohōkūkalani who herself would birth the stars.

PEOPLE ... AND PLANTS ... WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



When Ho'ohōkūkalani turned into a beautiful girl, Wakea was united with her, but their first baby, named Haloa, was still born. As the baby was buried in the ground, there from the ground the taro, which became the important staple food of the Hawaiian people.



The second child of Wakea and Ho'ohōkūkalani, also called Haloa, grew to become a healthy child, and was the common ancestor of the Hawaiian people who, along with his brother, created the shared cycle of life between plants and humans.