

## Te Poropiti whakamutunga: The last prophet

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**Abstract (Pūtake):** “Ko au te poropiti whakamutunga, kaare he poropiti, e whai i muri atu i ahau” or “I am the last prophet, there will be no other after me”. In 2007, Te Pane Ariki Arekahānara Piripi or Alex Phillips of Mana Ariki marae in Taumarunui, announced to Aotearoa New Zealand that he was the ‘last of the prophets’ and that there would be no other after him. Not long after his announcement, Te Pane Ariki or Arekahānara Piripi passed away, leaving his prophesies as a legacy for his people. This research is about the life of Te Pane Ariki and his spiritual commitment to his people. The study was completed in 2007 for Te Iti Rearea Bachelor of Teaching and Learning at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, the tribal University in Whakatāne, New Zealand. The literature used for this research study was taken from the Mana Ariki Marae archives, while others were from previous studies of prophets and seers. Arekahānara Piripi gave his consent and blessing for this research to be undertaken by the author who was his personal assistant and one of his many followers.

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### Whakataki

I ngā wā o mua, kāre i whakaaehia e tauwi te kaupapa o te ao wairua i roto i ngā kura o Aotearoa. Ōtira, i te timatanga o ngā kōhanga reo, o ngā kura kaupapa Māori me ngā Whare Wānanga, ko te ao wairua te ngako i ārahi i ētahi o ngā ako mātauranga. Tokomaha ngā kaiako Māori me ngā ākonga Māori i whai i te huarahi mai i te timatanga o te ao. Nā konei ka puta ko te ture ā te kawana, e aukati ana i ngā mahi ā ngā tōhunga i te tau 1907, hei whakamataku i ngā iwi, kia kore ai e whāia ngā akoranga o ngā tōhunga. Ka puta ko ngā poropiti o te ao Māori, i takea mai i ā Io Matua me ngā pouherenga o te ao wairua, kia herea me te here pū tiki puranga pū ā te Atua. Ko te ao wairua i ārahi i ngā mahi ā te iwi māori i mua noa atu i te taenga mai o tauwi ki Aotearoa. Nā tēnei āhuatanga te hononga ki ngā haahi ā te Māori mō te Māori. Ka puta ko ngā kaiārahi i tohua e te wairua hei māngai mō te Māori, ana, i tēnei rā tonu koinei te arahanga i whai kaha te iwi Māori ki te pūpuri i te reo o te Atua, me te whakatinanatanga o tōna ao, tōna reo, tōna mauri, tōna ihi, tōna wehi, tōna mana motuhaketanga, kia mau ki tōna ake mana māori motuhaketanga hei kawana i tōna ake iatanga. Hei tauiratanga, ko te Haahi ringatū, i whānau mai tētahi o ngā māngai o te wairua, ko Te Kooti Arikirangi, te poropiti i puta hei rāranga i te tira o te iwi Māori. I tēnei rā tonu kei te kaha tonu ngā iwi o Te Tairāwhiti, puta noa ki ngā hononga o wētahi atu o ngā whanaunga o ngā iwi, ki te pupuri i ngā akoranga i roto i ngā karakia, ngā hīmene, pānui, waiata, me ngā rā whakatau i waiho ake e tēnei o ngā poropiti, o te ao Māori. Ko wētahi atu o ngā haahi i whai i tēnei huarahi ko te Pai Marire, ko Ratana, me te wairua tapu, i puta ki ngā hau e whā. Ko tēnei he timatanga o te hikoinga roa mō tētahi o ngā Rangatira rongonui o te ao Māori te poropiti whakamutunga te Pane Ariki Arekahānara Piripi, Pane Ariki o Taranaki, Pane Ariki o Whanganui, Pane Ariki o ngā Rangatira whakakotahi o Aotearoa, te Pane Ariki kaiārahi o ngā hapū o Iharaira, te kaiārahi o Mana Ariki Marae, te kāinga o ngā poropiti, te whenua tapu taakoha mō te pou atua, i te whenua tapu i Taumarunui. Ko te mauri i ūhia mai e ia kia tukuna tōna wairua kia rere hei tauiratanga rangahaua mō ngā whakareretanga rangatahi, hei whakatūwhera i ngā kaupapa mō te ako o te Tohu Paetahi ako o te Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi.

He maha ngā tirohanga o ngā hitori o te whanaungatanga o te Māori, o tauwi, me ngā hononga ki ngā poropiti o te ao Māori. Ko te pūtanga o Te Pai Mārire o Pārihaka, me Te

Whiti, Te Haahi Ringatu, me Tahu Pōtiki, Wiremu Rātana, me o rātou matakitetanga. Ko te huarahi i whāia e ngā poropiti, i ahu mai i ngā karaipiture me ngā kupu whakaari, nā ēnei āhuatanga ka puta ngā matakite. Ahakoa te ōritenga o wēnei poropititanga ki tā te karaipiture, ko o rātou māramatanga i ngā matakitenga mō te huarahi i whāia e rātou, hei āwhina i te huarahi hei whakakotahi i te iwi Māori i raro i te maru o Ihoa o ngā mano, kia mau te Mana Māori Mōtuhake o te iwi Maori. I mārama o tātou tīpuna ki ēnei poropititanga, ēngari i ēnei rā, kāore te nuinga o ngā tangata whenua e tino mārama, e tino rata ki ēnei tohunga, ēnei poropiti rānei o te ao Māori.

I te tīmatanga o te whānaungatanga o tauīwi me te Māori i kaha te hono i runga i te kitenga o ēnei ahurea e rua. Ko te tūhono i ngā mahi ohaoha, i ngā hāpori, i ngā mahi pakihi, te huarahi hei whai oranga mō ngā ahurea e rua. Ēngari mai i te tau 1840 – 1860, kāre i whakaae ā tauīwi kia piki ake ngā māramatanga o te Māori ki wā rātou, ā, nā tēnei āhuatanga i tīmata te takahūringa o te wairua Māori, me ōna māuri, tōna mana, te ihi, te wehi me ōna pōherenga wairua. E ai ki te kōrero o Te Rangihau (1988) kāre i whakaaehia e tā Francis Dillon – Bell, te minita kia piki te Māori ki te taumata tiketike (Puao te ata Tu, 1988). Nā konei ka whakapakari ngā rangātira, ngā ariki kia mau ki o rātou Mana Mōtuhaketanga. I te tau 1895 – 1940 ka ara ake ngā matakite o te ao Māori, ki te whakahoki mai i te wairua oranga o te Māori, ko te whakapae ā Te Rangihau (1988) tērā. Ahakoa te kitea kua kaha te pakaru o te whēnua, te pakarūtanga o ngā mana hapori, me ngā Mana Ariki, me te aukatitanga o te ao Māori, ka timata te ngōikoretanga, te rawa kore, ka whai kaha a tauīwi ki te takahi i ngā mana Māori (Rangihau, 1988). E ai ki ngā tuhinga ā Elsmore (1999), ka tāea te hono i ētahi ōritenga hei waahi ki te hāngai o te ao Māori, ki te ōranga tonutanga o tōna hīkoi ki te ao hou.

### ***Whāinga rangahau***

Kia rangahauhia ngā poropiti o te ao Māori, o rātou kitenga me te wherawhera i o rātou kitenga i ngā tau 1800 ki te huringā o te tau 2000 kia honoa ki te tau 2007. Ka hono tēnei rangahau ki tētahi poropiti e ora ana mai i te tau 1917 ki te tau 2007. Ko te wawata kia tāea te hono i ngā matakitenga o ngā poropititanga o wētahi o ngā poropiti o te ao Māori, ki ngā kōrero poropititanga, kua whakatauhia e tētahi poropiti o te ao hou, i kii ā i ia, ā tōna wā ka puta tētahi tamaiti, hei ārahi i tōna iwi ki te ao hou (Binney, 1990). Ko te tūmanako ka tāea te tuitui i ngā kōhinga kōrero o ngā poropiti o te ao Māori me te torotoro i ngā whakataunga poropiti ki tētahi poropiti nāna i whakatau “ko ahau te Poropiti whakamutunga, kore he poropiti a muri atu i ahau” (Arekahānara Piripi, 11 August 2007).

### ***Tūkanga rangahau***

Ko te tīmatanga o tēnei rangahau ka timata mai i ā Io Matua, i ngā pouherenga o te ao Māori. Ko ngā tūkanga e whai ake nei e pā ana ki te rangahau Māori. Ka timata i te tāhūhū o te whare, ka hanga mai i tōna here pūtiki pū ā te Atua, i ōna karakia. Ko te poutokomanawa hei reo kōrero mai i ngā māreikura ki ngā whatukura. Ko ngā poupou o te whare hei ārahi i ngā tūkanga o ngā āria o te ao Māori e pā ana ki ngā poropiti. Hei konei te tīpakohanga o te wānanga rangahau, whakapakāritanga ki tā te tangata e hiahia ai. Ko ēnei tikanga, e hāngai ana ki ngā tauira ā Ferguson (2005) mō te kōwhiri, pāhekoheko me te māramatanga e tuku tuku ana i te mana ki ngā tangata whakaae, me te kai uiui hai whakatau i ngā tikanga, whakahaere mo ngā tūkanga rangahau. E ai ki ā Ferguson (2005) ko te wāhanga o te kōwhiri e pā ana ki te wāhi pai, wā tika mō ngā uiui. Ko te pāhekoheko e pā ana ki te hononga, te whanaungatanga rānei o te kairangahau me ngā kaiwhakautu pātai. Ko te māramatanga e pā ana ki ngā hua i puta mai i ngā uiui.

Ka whai hoki te kaiuiui, kairangahau rānei i ētahi o ngā tirohanga ā Taniwha e kī ana kia āta whakaaro te hokinga mahara me tiro tiro ā kanohi ki te kanohi (Taniwha, 2004). Ka tautokohia wēnei tirohanga e Te Whāriki, te marautanga mō ngā whare kōhungahunga o Aotearoa me te mahi whai hua i roto i ngā mahitahi o ngā reo rua (Ministry of Education, 1996). Ko te karanga ā hui wānanga mō ngā kaumātua hei timatangā rangahau. Ko tēnei he huarahi e whāia e Takuta Li Tsung (Li Tsung, personal communication, 2007). Ko tetahi huarahi ka

whāia ko te hui ā hukarere, arā, ko te tikanga o tēnei hui ko te uiui me ētahi kaumātua, ēngari i te roanga o ngā kōrero, ka puta i ā rātou he hokinga mahara mō ētahi kaumātua, ana mai i reira ka honoa o rātou kōrero hei kinaki ki te kaupapa.

### ***Kohingā kōputu kōrero me te tākoha***

Ko ngā kaiāwhina hei kōhi kōrero ka whakatauhia e te kairangahau i mua i te rangahau hei tiroiro i ngā pātai akiaki, i mua i te uiui o ngā tāngata kia tika ai te whakatau o ngā pātai.

I te wā whakataunga o ngā tīkanga tūkanga, i wāenganui i te kaiuiui me ngā tāngata whakautu pātai, ka whakatauhia ngā whakaaetanga o ngā tūmanakotanga o te katoa. Mā te kaiuiui e whakarite i te hōtaka, māramataka, ngā rā wānanga, te wā uiui, ngā kai whakamōemiti, te koha ki ngā whānau tautoko. Ko te tātāritanga o te uiui ka whakatauhia i wāenganui o ngā whānau kia noho tapu ai ngā kōrero ngā mīhini kapo kōrero, me te tūhono i ngā kaituhi kōrero, me te tūhono ā wairua o te kaiuiui, me tōna tuāpapa, me ngā kaiwhakautu i ngā patapātai rangahau.

Ahakoia tēnei rangahau, he rangahau hei āwhina i ngā ākonga me pēhea ngā pūkenga hei rangahau ēngari ko te tirohanga o tēnei tono mai i te kairangahau he tautoko i te hīkoi e hīkoihia ana e ētahi kaumātua o tētahi poropiti o te Tairāwhiti hēi āwhina i tō rātou rapu i te oranga i poropitihia e tō rātou poropiti i ngā tau whitu tekau. Ka kii ā ia, “A tona wā ka oho ake ahau māku koutou e ārahi i ngā rā o te ao hou” (Binney, 1990). Ka noho te kaituhi, kairangahau rānei i roto i ngā hui katoa i te marae o Mana Ariki, nō reira ko ngā kohinga kōrero mai i ēnei hui, nā te kaituhi. Ko ia hoki te kaiāwhina ki te Pane Ariki.

### ***Ngā kaitaki me te whānau rangahau***

I haere te kairangahau ki te tono ki te Kaitohutohu o te Kaiārahi ā Arekahānara Piripi ki te homai i tōna whakamana mō tēnei kaupapa rangahau whakahirahira. I tautoko te whānau me ngā kaumātua, o ngā whakapapa o te Poropiti ā Rua Kenana o te Urewera o te rohe potae o Tūhoe. Ka whakaaehia e te hui, ka whakamanahia ki te herepūtiki pū ā te Atua. (Hui Wānanga Mana Ariki Marae Taumarunui, 6 Oketopa, 2007). Ka tonoa e te Pane Ariki kia mau ki ngā mana e whā ko te mana o te mātua, o te whāea, o te tama, o te wairua. Ko te rangahau e ki ana kia kotahi te kaumātua hei uiui. Ka tonoa e te Pane Ariki kia mau te kairangahau ki te hīkoi wairua o ngā poropititanga o Rua Kenana i eke ai i tēnei tau o te huringa whitu tekau. Ko te taumata, kia rapua e te kaiuiui tekau mā rua ngā kuia, tekau mā rua ngā tane, hei awahi i te arapikinga ki te ao hou, kia taea te hokinga o te iwi māuri ki tātou matua ki ā Io Nui (Phillip & Billing, 1999).

Ka rapuhia e te kairangahau tekau mā rua ngā wāhine, tekau mā rua ngā tāne, hei kōhi, hei whakafīnana i ngā kōrero poropititanga, kia honoa ki ngā kōrero poropiti kua puta i te poropiti whakamutunga o te ao Māori (Mana Ariki Marae, 2007). Ko te anga whakamua, kia wānangahia tēnei kaupapa hōhonu me ētahi o ngā kaumātua o te Tairāwhiti, me ētahi kaumātua e mārama ana ki te tonotanga o ngā poropiti. Nā te wānanga rā, ka puta i o rātou kitenga, i rōto i o rātou hikoinga te wā i noho ai ētahi o rātou hei pou mua, pou muri, ki te taha o ngā rangatira o ia poropiti. Ka hono ai wēnei kaumātua ki ngā kaumātua e whai tonu nei i ngā huarahi poropititanga i tēnei ao hou, e noho tahi ana, mahi tahi ana, wānanga tahi ana i te taha o tēnei Ariki, te Poropiti whakamutunga o te ao Māori, ko Arekahana Piripi tērā (Mana Ariki Marae, 2007). Ko ngā pūtanga ko te uiui i ngā rangatira i o rātou kitenga, e pēhea ai te pūtanga o ngā hua mō te āo Māori ki roto i te ao hou.

Kō te ahuatanga o te kanohi ki te kanohi, kia haere te uiui ki te kāinga i runga i te tono ā te kai whakautu pātai (Berryman & Glynn, 2002). Ko te tuāpapa o te kaupapa rangahau o ngā poropiti i tirohia kia timatahia mai ngā hekenga o Io matua, mai i te rangi ki te whenua, me ngā tikanga whakahaere o ngā whāre wānanga (Smith, 2003). Ko te hui ā wānanga hei te mutunga ka ea katoa. I taea e ia tangata tōna kaha ki te tuku kia rere o rātou whakaaro kia taea e o rātou ahurea, tuakiritanga kia mau ki o rātou anō manatanga (Smith, 1999). I whakamāramahia tēnei rangahau ki te māngai o te kauaerunga o te Pane Ariki, te poropiti

whakamutunga. Nā te mea he hikoi roa tēnei kua timata mai i tuawhakarere, ka tau ki ngā pakahiwi o tēnei kāwai āriki ka tohua e ia ngā tūkanga whakahaere, kia oti te wānanga. Ko te whakahau o tēnei aromatawai, me tautoko hoki i ōna wawata, āwhina ōna matakiteanga. Neke atu i te whā tekau ngā tangata i tukuna he kārere kia whakaae mō tēnei rangahau. Ko o rātou pākeketanga mai i te 50 ki te 80 te pākeke. I roto i ngā hui e whā ka puta tekau mā rua ngā wāhine, tekau mā rua ngā tane. E whitu ngā tangata i whakaae kia tā moko o rātou īngoa. Kōtahi te wahine, te tāne i tuhi i ā rāua kōrero, me te kōrero i te ripene. Tekau ngā tātanga i tae mai ki te wānanga o tēnei rangahau ki Te Wairua o te Ora, ki te Waimana. Ko te hui i tū ki Mana Ariki i mau ki te mihini whakaaturanga. Ko tēnei whakaaturanga kei te whānau o te Pane Ariki e pupuri ana i tēnei wā. Ka tipakohia tokowha ngā tangata hai hono ki tēnei rangahau. Katoa ngā kaiwhakautu i whakaae me te tautoko o te Kaitohutohu me te Pane Ariki hoki. I te wā e oti kua whakaae te katoa kia whakahokia atu ngā rangahau ki te Pane Ariki me ngā kauaerunga (Hui wānanga ki Mana Ariki marae, 2007).

### **Ngā tikanga whakahaere me ngā tukanga**

E whā ngā hui i tū i ngā rā 6 Oketopa, 20 Oketopa, 20 Oketopa, 5 Noema 2007. E whā ngā wāhanga kohinga kōrero. E whā hoki ngā tukanga rautaki i whakamahia mō tēnei rangahau. Ko te hono i ngā kōrero mai te rangi ki te whenua tuatahi, ka whakapakari i te whakatu i te tūāpapa o te wharepuni, mai i tōna tāhūhū kōrero, ko ngā pouheretanga o te ao Māori me te honongā ki tēnei ao, ki te ao hou ko te wharetapa. Ko te hohonutanga me te whānuitanga o wēnei tūkanga tokowha ko te honongā ki te ao hou. (Tōku ora tōku Tūhoetanga wānanga ki Ruatoki, 2007).

Ka hono ngā kōhinga kōrero ki ngā kawa tikanga o te ao o tuawhakarere, mai i ā Io mātua me ōna kāwai hekenga, me te whakakotahi katoa ki ngā herenga ki te herepūtiki pū ā te atua, ka tau mai ki tēnei ao kikokiko. Ka puta ngā kōrero hei tuitui i tō tatou ao wairua, ao mauri, ao whenua me te ao o tauuiwi. Ka hono ki te mana atua, mana whenua, mana tangata, mana aoturoa, mana Reo (Ministry of Education, 1999, p.31).

### ***Tuhingā aratakina: Huarahi whakamārama mō ngā poropiti***

Ko ngā wāhanga ka rangahauhia mai i ngā pukapuka ko te hokinga whakamuri, ki te ao Māori ki ngā tōhunga, ki ngā ariki, rāngatira, ka puta ko ngā poropiti. Ko te tirotiro ki ngā huarahi whai o ngā poropiti i ngā karaipiture. Ko te huringa o ngā tikanga o te ao hou, ko te whakarongo ki ngā whēako ngā tirotirohanga me ngā uiui o ngā kaumātua i ō rātou mōhiotanga i ngā āwangawanga i wāenganui i ngā poropiti me ngā whakaponotanga o ngā tōhunga o te ao Māori me ngā minita o te Rongopai.

Ko ngā pukapuka hei āwhina, hei tautoko i tēnei rangahau, ka puta he huarahi hei whakakite i te timatatanga o te urunga mai o ngā poropiti me o rātou kitenga. Ka aro atu ki ētahi o o rātou rerekētanga, ki ētahi o rātou ōritenga, me te tirohanga o te ao o waho ki ngā matakiteanga o ngā poropiti. Ko te tūmanako o te kai uiui i te wā o ngā wānanga me ētahi kaumātua ka puta ngā pūtanga o ngā iwi i whakapono ki ngā matakiteanga o ngā poropiti Māori. Ko ngā momo pātai i puta mai, ko wai ngā tangata i whai i ngā kupu whakaari o ngā poropiti? He aha te hōhonutanga o te whaitanga o ngā pou mua, pou muri o ngā poropiti? He aha te māramatanga o te whai o ngā poropititanga o te ao Māori o neherā ki te poropititanga o te poropiti whakamutunga o tēnei ao o te tau 2007?. E pēhea e hāpaitia ngā whakatāunga poropititanga o tēnei Poropiti i tēnei tau 2007 ki ngā tau o tēnei ao hou? Kia noho katoa te kai uiui ngā tangata whakaae ki tēnei kaupapa hohonu, ngā kaitautoko, ngā rangatira whakatau wairua, i rūnga i te kaupapa whakatāunga poropititanga o te poropiti whakamutunga. E ai ki ā ia “Kia kōtahi te rēo, kia kōtahi te wairua, kia kotahi te iwi, ana ‘kia mau ki tō Mana Māori Motuhake hei kāwana ia tāua’ ” (Phillips, 2007).

## **Ngā whāititanga - Ngā uāuātanga**

Ko ngā tirohanga o tēnei kaupapa rangahau i runga i ngā taputanga e whāia ana e te Māori i ōna matakitenga o tōna ao mātauranga, tōna ao Māori te tuku mana mai i ngā kāwai ariki, ki ngā rangatira, ki ngā poropiti, ka tau ki ngā pakahiwi o ngā kai rangahau Māori i te wherawhera ia rātou me o rātou kaumātua. He āhua uaua tēnei āhuatanga ki ngā whānau e mau ana ki ngā here o te ao tawhito ahakoa, kei roto tātou i te ao hou e rere ana.

Ko ngā herenga o te whakahau o ngā tīkanga mai i te Tāhūhū o te Mātauranga me ngā herenga o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī, ki ngā pouako ki ngā ākonga. Ko te wāhanga kua tukuna ki ngā ākonga ki te rangahau me te mahi anō i wētahi atu ō ngā pepa me te whakatīnana i ngā āhuatanga ako o ngā kōhanga, whare kōhungahunga, me ngā wharekura. Ko te tapunga ō wēnei tuhingaroa i te wā whakaōtinga o tēnei tono, me te whakaetanga kia rangahauhia tētahi poropiti o te ao Māori.

He nui ngā uauatanga i puta mai i te timatanga o tēnei rangahau. Ko te tirohanga o te hōhonutanga ki te ao Māori, me ōna mātauranga poutiriao, me te āhuatanga whakapuaki o ngā kōrero whakawhiu o ngā hapa o tuawhakarere. Ko ngā mākutu o te ao o tatou tīpuna ko ngā wairua poke, ngā whakawhiu kōrero o tatou tīpuna matua, ko te whiu wairua ko te whai o ngā āhuatanga o te ao kikokiko, ko te takahuringa o te ao wairua, me ngā poropititanga o tatou poropiti, ki ngā wairua o ngā whānau nā rātou nei i whakaae kia kohia ngā kōputu tāonga o rātou pākeke. Nā te mea he kaupapa ngau ki te whatumanawa o te tangata, ka tono te kairangahau kia manaakitia tēnei rangahau me tuku te herepūtikipū ā te atua hēi ārahi i tēnei rangahau. Ko wētahi o ngā kōrero i pupu ake i ngā hōhonu o roto o te puku o te tangata tino mamae ana ēngari i puta te waiora me te marietanga. Ko ētahi atu uauatanga ko te tiro i ngā ture tangata, tikanga tangata, me te hono ki te māramatanga o te mana atua, mana wairua me ōna tikanga whakahaere e ū ai ki ngā tautoko ā Smith (2003). Kia mau ki tōu ake kaupapa, kia tāea te hono i te makururangi o te ao Māori me te hono o te ao o Tauīwi. Ko ngā taumaha i tau ki ngā pokohiwi o te kairangahau me ngā whānau ko te poto o te wā ki te āta mōhio, kia rukuhia te tino ngako o tēnei kaupapa tino whakahirahira i tā te mea ko ngā hua ka puta mai te rangahau pēnei ko te āwhina ki te tiro tiro ki te whakapiki i te ara hikoinga ki te ao hei hokinga wairua o te ao Māori ki tōna okiokinga (Binney, 1990).

## **Ngā poropititanga ō te poropiti whakamutunga**

Ko te ao o te Māori he ao wairua, arā, nā reira i ahu mai tēnei poropiti i roto i ngā mauri tapu o Io matua. Katohia e Io ko wai hei kawē i ōna mahi ki tēnei whenua o te kiko. Ka puta i tōna māuri ko te kakano. Ka tuku i tōna hā te whānautanga ō tōna māuri kia puta ki ēnei kaiārahi, i raro i te māuri ō te Poropiti. Ka puta ko tēnei Ariki kō Tau, Kaiārahi, Piriwiritua, Arekahānara Tōku Hāongā Kaha i te tau 1917, ā, kā whānau mai me tōna mahanga i roto i ōna ringaringa. Ka whakahokia te māuri ō tōna mahanga e ngā tōhunga hei tā koha ki ā Io, ka waiho mai kōia hei kawē i ngā mahi o tēnei ao (Te Kotahitanga Building Society, 2003). Ko tōna marae, ko Mana Ariki ki Taumarunui. Ko te kōrero e whai ake nei, tōna kōrero ki ngā iwi o Aotearoa;

Ko au te Poropiti whakamutunga, kāre he poropiti, e whai i muri atu ahau. Ko te mahi mā koutou, he whakarongo, ki ngā ako o ngā poropititanga hei ārahi i ā koutou i roto i te ao hou. Kua mutu ngā mākutunga o te ao tawhito, whāia te oranga o te ao hou. Kia mau ki te kōtahitanga ā wairua, ohaoha, a rēo kōtahi hei whakapakari i te oranga mō ngā uri whakaheke. Kia herea ki te herepūtiki pū ā Te Atuatiratanga (Phillips, 2007).

Ka whetūrangiā te rangatira nei i te marama o Apereira i te tau rua mano mā waru. Nō reira ko tōna kōrero o runga he ōhaki mō tatau te iwi Māori. Nāna tēnei tono mō te rangahau i whakaae hei kōha mō ngā uri e whakatipu ana. I ahu mai wēnei korero mai i ngā

poropititanga o ētahi atu o ngā poropiti o te ao māori. Ko tētahi poropiti anō i ahu mai i roto o te Tairāwhiti, ko te Kooti Ārikirangi, i kaha ā ia ki te whakahau i te iwi Māori kia mau te mana motuhake, me tōna poropiti mō te tamaiti. Ka ara ake i tōna iwi hei whakaoti i ōna mahi nā te mea kua pā mai he toto ki ōna ringaringa. Kaare e tāea e ia ki te whakaora i ngā wairua o te iwi. Ka puta ko te poropiti ā Te Rua Kenana i roto o te rohe potae o Tuhoe. Ka paoho ki ngā iwi koia te tamaiti e kōrerohia rā e Te Kooti Ārikirangi, māna e ārahi te iwi Māori kia puta ki te para i te huarahi o te ao hou (Binney, 1990).

I ngā wā o nehe rāno, i hīkoi ngā uri o Te Tairāwhiti mai i Hawaiiiki nui, Hawaiiiki roa, Hawaiiiki pāmamao i runga i ngā waka e iwa. Ko ēnei uri i hono ki ngā iwi tekau mā rua o Iharaira. Ko te Māori te tuakana i wehe mai ki te rapu i te tāonga o te mea ngaro (White, 2001). Nā tēnei āhuatanga te wehenga o ngā tīpuna tuākana, ko te Māori tērā. Ko tēnei te timatanga o te wehenga o te Māori ki Te Tairāwhiti, tau noa ki Aotearoa. Ko te Māori i kitea ko rātou ngā kaupuri ki te mauri o te wairuatanga i roto i ngā whakapapa i hono ki ngā uri o Inia, Ahia, Ihipa, Iharaira, Peru, Mehiko, Paniora, te moana nui a Kiwa, Poihākena, me ngā Hainamana, Hapani me ngā iwi taketake o Amerika. Ka whakatauhia mā ngā tuakana e kawē i ēnei tāonga hai ārahi i a rātou ki te whenua i oatihia e Io Matua. Ko ngā manu ariki ngā kaiārahi i ngā uri kia tau mai ki te hauāuru, mai i konei ka wehe te waka o Aotea me te waka o Mataatua kia tau ki Te Tairāwhiti. Ko tēnei te tuakana o ngā mahanga o te waka Aotea me te waka o Mataatua. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C4%81ori>)

Mai te tau kotahi mano, toru tekau mā whitu, ki tēnei tau rua mano mā whitu, ka whakaotia tēnei poropititanga ki te marae o Mana Ariki i te rā tekau mā whitu o Pepuera, rua mano mā whitu. Kaha noa ngā whetūmarama e rua o Te Tairāwhiti, me te Hauauru. Ka eke ai ki ngā poropititanga ā Te Kooti rāua ko Rua Kenana kia whakakotahi ēnei whetū i raro i te maru o Ihoa o ngā mano. Ka tonu te Pane Ariki ā Arekahanara Piripi ki ngā whakatipuranga o Te Rua Kenana, ngā uri o ngā poropiti o te Tairāwhiti ki te āwhina i ā ia ki te whakakotahi katoa i ngā iwi o te ao me te ārahi i ā rātou ki ngā huarahi tika o te ao hou. Ko te ara whakamua hei tautoko i tōna poropititanga i te 17 o Pepuere kia poroporoakihia, ngā hapa, ngā wairua poke, ngā māku, ngā whakawhiu o te ao tāwhito, ka hāpai i te hīkoi o te ao hou me ōna kitengā. Nā rungā i tēnei āhua kē whakatūwheratia e ia te kōhanga reo o te ao hou ki Mana Ariki Marae me ōna tikangā hīkoi whakamua me ōna hono mātauranga marautanga o ngā ao katoa. Ka honoa ki ngā whānau, ki ngā kaumātua ki te whāre wānanga o te atua. Ka hōnoa ngā kaumātua o te Tairāwhiti ki te herengā putiki pū ā te Atua. Ka tukuna e ia te mana mauri ki a rātou hei ārahi. Koinei tōna tukutanga i te mauri ki ngā kaumātua o te Tairāwhiti, mā rātou e kawē i ngā akoranga, o te kohanga reo, te wharekura, me te whāre wānanga o te ao hou me ōna tikangā katoa e mau ai ki ngā matakiteanga poropititanga o ngā poropiti katoa o te ao Māori. (Hui wānanga ki Mana Ariki Marae, Taumarunui, 17 Pepuere 2007). Ka tautokohia ēnei kōrero poropititanga e ōku kuia, koroua i te wānanga i tū i te 20 Whiringā-a-rangi i te tau rua mano mā whitu. (Wānanga ki Te Wairua o te ora Waimana, 20 Whiringā-a-rangi 2007).

I te whakaaetanga o tēnei tono, ko te tūmanako o te kairangahau kia kitea he rautaki mahere hei āwhina i te tono o te poropiti whakamutunga me ōna mōrehu, o ngā hau e whā, me ngā rangatira o ngā poropiti, o ngā ao, me ngā iwi o ngā Iharaira i runga i te whenua tapu o Mana Ariki, i roto i te whenua, o te kingitanga i Taumarunui. Ko tēnei te timatanga o te hīkoi o te ao hou i timatahia i te whakatūwheratanga o te kōhanga o te ao hou i te tau rua mano mā whitu.

E whai ake nei ngā whakataunga poropititanga o tēnei poropiti i te tau rua mano mā rima ki te tau rua mano mā whitu;

Kia mau ki ngā mana, e wha hai whakawatea, i ngā whakawhiu o tēnei ao. Ko te mana o te Matua, te Whaea, te Tama, te Wairua tapu. Kia mau ki te here pūtihi pu ā

te Atua. Kia kōtahi te Reo, kia kōtahi te Wairua, kia kōtahi te iwi, kia mau ki tō Mana Māori Motuhake hei kāwana ia tāua (Phillips, 2005).

He hohonu te mōhiotanga o wēnei kaumātua ki ngā poropiti me o rātou mahi. Ko tētahi i tino kaha ōna māramatanga ki ngā poropiti me o rātou mahi. Ko tētahi i tino kaha ōna māramatanga ki ngā poropiti o te ao tawhito, me o rātou matakitenga. Ko tētahi i huihui i ōna mōhiotanga ki ngā poropiti o te paipera, ka hono i ōna mōhiotanga ki ngā poropiti o te ao Māori, ka kitea e rātou he māngai nō te atua. Nā ēnei āhuatanga ka puta rātou hai matakite mō te ao ki mua (Binney, Chaplin & Wallace, 1979). Ko ngā mahi o ngā poropiti i mōhio ngā kaiwhakautu ka hono hoki ki ngā whakamāramatanga o Elsmore (2005). Ko te tautoko o ngā whakautu i whakahokia ngā āhuatanga wairua i tukuna e ngā māngai o ngā atua (Elsmore, 2005). Ko ngā Poropititanga o ngā poropiti i puta i ngā tau 1900 e ki ana a tōna wā ka ara ake tētahi tamaiti o te Tairāwhiti hai ārahi i tōna iwi. Ka puta ko te Rua Kenana, ka puta ko ōna Poropititanga anō ā te matua tangata ā Te Kooti Arikirangi, ka kii “I te wā e kite ai koutou i te whetū o Te Tairāwhiti, me te whetū o Te Hauauru, arā ake haere tikina ka whakahoki mai hai oranga mō koutou” (Binney, Chaplin & Wallace, 1979). I te tau 1917, ka puta wētahi atu poropititanga mai i Te Hauauru ko ngā poropititanga wēnei, a Akuhata Kiwa, mō tētahi tamaiti o Te Hauauru ka puta. Ka puta tēnei tamaiti hai pūpuri i te rangimarie, te whakapono, ā, māna hoki e whakahoki mai i ngā tāonga whenua ([www.theratanachurch.org.nz/prophecies.html](http://www.theratanachurch.org.nz/prophecies.html)).

I te tau 1962, ka tīmata ngā mahi poropiti a tēnei poropiti. Ko wētahi o ōna kite ko te whakahoki mai i ngā mana e wha ki te tangata, nā Tāwhiao i hōmai ki a ia i roto i te moemoeā. Ka ārahitia a ia e te wairua, ka kitea e ia te rākau tapu o Whanganui me te ara ki a Tāne te atua. Mai wēnei tau, ka matakitea e ia te ngira o te ao ko te whaea tērā. Ka timata wāna mahi matakite ki tōna tūrangawaewae ki Taumarunui. Ka tū te marae o Manu Ariki hai kawē i ngā mahi o ngā poropiti. I tēnei rangi kua puta kotahi rau tekau neke atu ngā matakitenga o ngā poropiti o tuāwhakahaere ki te marae o Manu Ariki. (Te Kotahitanga, 2003). Ka puta te poropitanga o ōna kōrero i te whakaminenga 5000 tangata i te 11 Here-turikoka 2007, “Kia mau ki to mana maori motuhake hei kāwana i a tāua”. Ko tāna whakahau i te whakaminenga” kia kaha ki te whakakotahi i a tatou katoa”. (Mana Ariki Marae 2007).

## Whakatau whakamutunga

Kua tau kē te huarahi mō tatou ngā uri o tātou tīpuna mātua. Kua tau ngā poropititanga mō ngā iwi e mārama ana ki ngā kaiārahi nā rātou matakite i tō tatou ao. Ko ngā kōrero a Rua Kenana ki tōna iwi i te tau 1937, i te wā e mate ahau ka ara ake au ki te ārahi i ā koutou. I te marama 17 Pepuera 2007, ka oti tēnei wāhanga o tōna poropititanga. Ka ārahi ahau i ā koutou “Māku e whakatūwhera ngā tatau ki te ao hou”. Ko te tautoko o te Pane Ariki ki wēnei kōrero poropiti, ka tau i ā ia ko te Tairāwhiti hei whakatūwhera i te ara hīkoi mō ngā matakitenga mō te ao hou. Ko te Tairāwhiti ka para i te huarahi whāia mō te ako i ngā mokopuna i te marautanga hou me ngā mana katoa. Ka ū ai wēnei āhuatanga ka puta ngā kōrero, “kia mau ki tō Mana Māori Motuhake hei kawana i ā tāua” i te rā tekau mā rua o Akuhata, i te tau rua mano mā whitu. Ko te kanohi kahupō kāre e kite ēngari ko te kanohi rangatira hei ārahi i ngā āhuatanga o te tāiao, ki ā Io Matua, ki ā Ranginui rāua ko Papatūānuku. Ko te whakaotinga, ka honoa tatou i raro o Te Kotahitanga, me te matemateāone o Io Matua. Ko te tirohanga mō te Pane Ariki o Taranaki, te Pane Ariki o Whanganui, te Poropiti whakamutunga kia oti he rautaki timatanga hei whakaora i te iwi Māori. A tōna wā, ka karangahia tatou kia hoki ki tō tatou okiokinga ki tō tatou matua ki ā Io ki roto i te wairuatanga.

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