Ka Moolelo o Kauai

O Kukona ka mo'i o ke aupuni o Kauai, huiia me Kaula, Niihau, a me Lehua i na makahiki 1400. Noloko mai no o Kukona kekahi lalani alii nana i hoomalu maluna o ka aina a hiki ia **Kaumualii** (hanauia 1778 a make 1824) a lilo ke aupuni ia Kamehameha i ka makahiki 1810 ma ke kuikahi mawaena o ke aupuni o Kauai a me ke aupuni o Kamehameha.

O **Manokalanipo** ke keiki a Kukona. Oia ka mo'i i mele nui ia'i iloko o na mele e like me Nani Waialeale a me Kauai Beauty. O ke kumu o kona mele nui ia ana, no ka mea, oia ka mo'i o ka aina nei nana i kukulu i kona aupuni me ka hoonohonoho pono ana i na mahele aina like ole he moku a he ahupuaa me ka hoonoho ana i na alii maluna o kela me keia na lakou e lawelawe no ka pono o ka lahui. Mamuli o keia papa hana, ua lako ka aina a lako ka ai a me ka i'a na kanaka. Ma ia hope mai ikeia ka laha loa o ka maluhia maluna o ka aina a ua nui ke alohaia o ua mo'i nei.

Kaua'i's Heritage

Kūkona is a king of the 15th century of a dynasty that ruled the Kaua'i Kingdom (including the islands of Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, Lehua and Ka'ula) for five hundred years until the last king, **Kaumuali'i** (circa 1778–1824), at which time King Kamehameha of the Hawai'i Kingdom took over reign. Kūkona's son, Manokalanipō, is praised in Kaua'i society through chants, songs, and proverbs as the one who organized the system of land management and politics in which the island is divided into districts (*moku*) and sub-districts (ahupua'a), each with their land managers (ali'i) who answered to the ali'i 'aimoku (paramount king). This system led to long lasting peace and advances in economy, engineering, architecture and culture.

Kūkona is the 7th paramount king of Kaua'i. In the early 15th century, King Kalaunuiohua, the ambitious chief of Hawai'i Island, tried to seize Kaua'i. He was accompanied into battle by the combined armies and chiefs of Maui, Moloka'i, and O'ahu and they landed ashore here in Po'ipū. The war is known as Ke Kaua 'o Kawelewele, or 'the War of the Clearing'. The much smaller forces defending Kaua'i, led by Kūkona and his son Manokalanipō, soundly defeated the invaders after leading them inland and then surrounding them, capturing all four chiefs. The peace that lasted since that time was called Ka La'i Loa iā Kamaluohua, or 'The Long Peace of Kamaluohua'.

KA MOOLELO

Ki'i pōhaku (stone image) from Nihoa



Holomua ka Naauao

Ua holomua loa ka naauao o kanaka mamuli o ke akamai o ka noho alii ana o **Manokalanipo**. I kona wa i kukuluia'i na loko ia e like me ka mea kamaaina i keia au nei, a peia pu ka hana hooulu ai iloko o ka loi kalo. Mamuli o keia mau hana akamai, ua hiki ke hoolakoia ka ai a me ka i'a i ka lahui kanaka a nui loa.

Ke Kaua a me ka Maluhia

Ua ikeia na kaua ma keia wahi nei o Kauai nei. I ke au ia Kukona, ka makua kane o Manokalanipo, ua kii mai ka mo'i o Kalaunuiohua mai Hawaii mai i huiia'i me na alii o Maui, Molokai, a me Oahu a hoouka kaua mai la i ko Kauai nei poe. O Poipu nei kahi a lakou i pae mai ai, aka, mamuli o ke akamai o ka hana a **Manokalanipo**, ua hoopuniia na puali koa no waho mai mauka aku o **Kaneiolouma** nei a hopuia na alii o lakou. Ua iini o **Kukona** i ka maluhia a ua hookuu oia i keia poe hoa paio e hoi i ko lakou mau aina me ka hoohiki pu mai i ka maluhia a me ke kii hou ole ana mai e hoouka kaua i ko Kauai poe. O ka inoa o ua kaua la, o **Ke Kaua o** Kawelewele, a o ka inoa o ka maluhia i hoohikiia'i, o Ka Lai Loa o Kamaluohua. Ua maluhia ka aina a hiki loa mai i keia au nei.

A Growing Society

Kānaka Maoli (native Hawaiians) have lived in the area surrounding Kānei'olouma for several centuries. Upon settling the area, Kānaka Maoli organized their system of governance, economy, and technologies. Accounts tell of the activities of our island's people in the area of Kānei'olouma, including battles fought between great armies, the activities of powerful sorceresses, the birth of heroes who became deified as gods, the establishment of the area as a powerful religious center for the worship of gods of the ocean and the elements of nature, and the development of agricultural innovations on an amazing scale with extensive above-ground aqueducts and irrigated taro fields and fishponds, which made feeding a large population possible and consistent.

After Western contact in the late 1700s, the area of Po'ipū became a sea port of call, facilitating the development of the first sugar plantation in the Hawaiian Islands in Kōloa in 1835 just two miles inland of *Kānei'olouma*.

Ke Ano o 'Kaneiolouma'

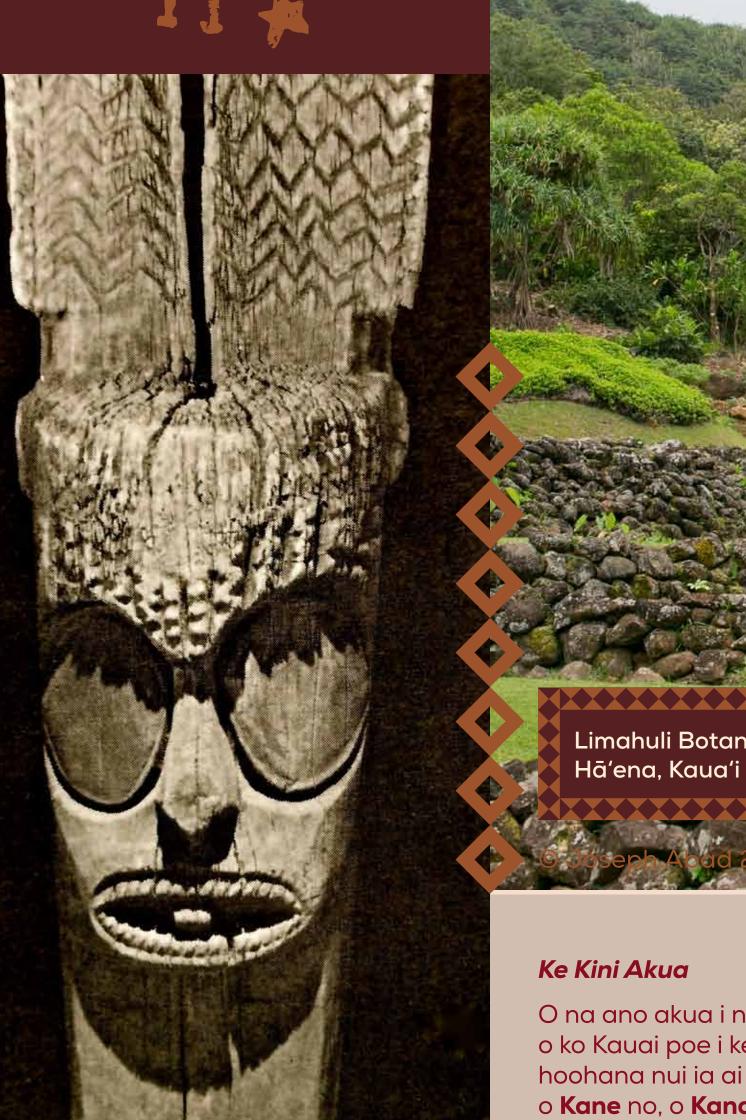
On INLAND VIEW in ATOOI, One of the Sandwich Islands

(Top and bottom) Based on an etching by John Webber, artist, Captain James Cook's third voyage, 1778. Waimea, Kauaʻi

Na Ano Heiau Like Ole

He mau ano no o ka heiau. Aia ma keia wahi o Poipu me Koloa nei, ua heluia he iwakaluakumamakolu mau heiau. Ua like keia hana me na hana a na lahui Polenekia o ka aoao hema o ka Pakipika, e like me Nuuhiwa, Tahiti, a me Lalako'a. Ma ua mau aina la, kukuluia na heiau me na pohaku e like me ka hana i Hawaii nei.

O kekahi ano heiau, he *mapele*. He heiau keia no ka waiho ana i na mohai he mea kanu a he mea ulu no **Lono**, ke akua o ka hooulu ai. O kekahi ano heiau, he *puuhonua*, he heiau keia no ka hoomalu ana i na kanaka i haki i ke kanawai e imi ana i ka maluhia. O kekahi heiau, he luakini a i ole he poo kanaka. He heiau keia no ka mohai ana i ke kanaka. Ikeia na mahele like ole o keia kahua o Kaneiolouma i kupono no kela a me keia ano o ka heiau.



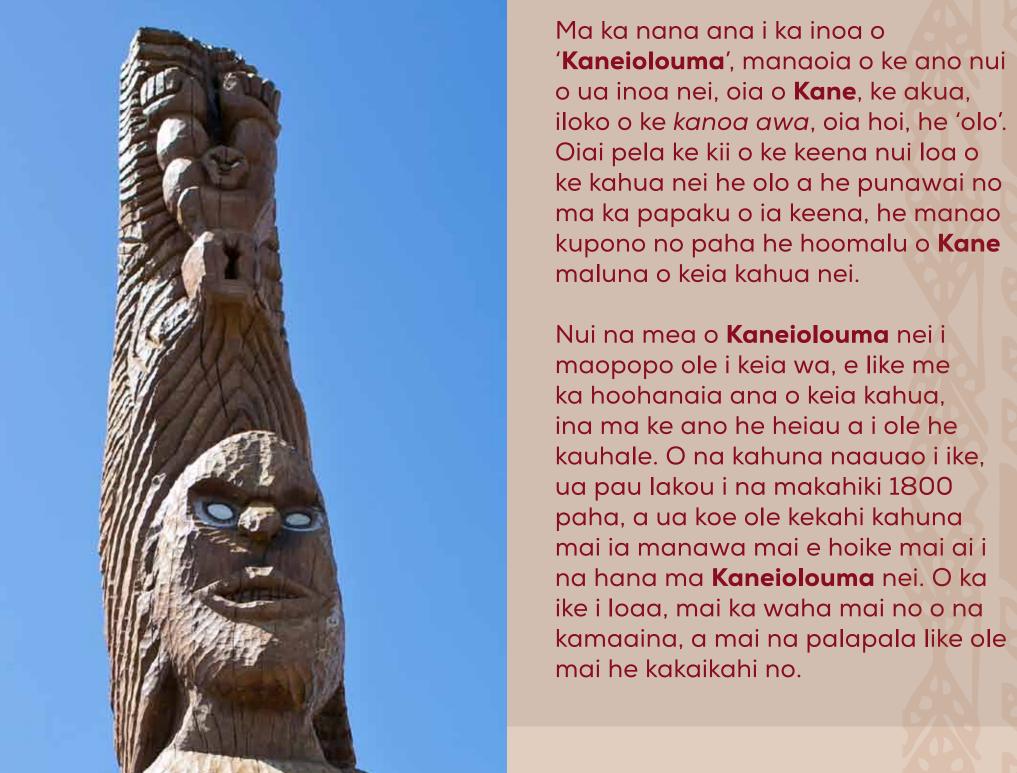
Kiʻi lāʻau (wooden image) from Kauaʻi.

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O na ano akua i nanaia'i e na kupuna o ko Kauai poe i ke au i kukulu a hoohana nui ia ai o **Kaneiolouma** nei. o Kane no, o Kanaloa, o Lono, a o Ku, a he wa no iloko o ka makahiki no ka nana nui ana i kela a i ole keia akua. I ka wa no o ke akua, kukuluia na kii nona, a o na akua aole no lakou ia wa o ka makahiki, hoomoeia lakou ilalo a i ole hooneeia i kahi e.

The Bounty of the Land

In addition to the religious centers observers also described 20 koʻa (designated spots offshore for fishing), as well as numerous *lo'i* kalo (water fields for cultivating taro, one of the most important *pūnāwai* (fresh water springs), house sites, *lo'i pa'akai* (salt beds for cultivation of sea salt), **paena** wa'a (canoe landings), and ala hele (walking highways).



The Realm of the Gods

The name, Kānei'olouma (Kāne-i-'olo-uma), can be understood to be 'Kāne', the god of fresh water and 'awa (kava) inside an 'awa serving bowl. 'Olo (or kānoa) is a serving bowl for 'awa, a traditional ceremonial drink that causes intoxication. Uma is concave like the floor of the arena of Kānei'olouma heiau. Therefore, Kānei'olouma can be understood as 'Kāne who dwells in the water of the 'awa serving bowl'.

The four principle gods in Hawaiian tradition are **Kāne** (god of creation and freshwater), Kanaloa (god of the ocean and the underworld), Lono (god of agriculture and fertility), **Kū** (god of the forests and war). These gods can be represented as wooden or stone figures or in other ways.

There are many other lesser gods in Hawaiian tradition and many of them are various aspects of the four main gods. Certain plants and animals, even natural elements, such as cloud formations, spring water, or rocks can be the embodiment of various of these gods. The gods can interact with people through these various kinolau, or bodily forms.







Sacred Sites and Religious Centers: Heiau

Surveyors and researchers of the 1800s have estimated that in the area of Kōloa alone, there are 23 heiau (complexes built of rock wall enclosures for religious gatherings and rituals). As in other Polynesian societies in the Pacific, such as in Tahiti, Te Henua 'Enana (Marquesas) and Kuki 'Airani (the Cook Islands), the religious order of Kānaka Maoli (native Hawaiians) of the Hawaiian Islands was a polytheistic system. These Polynesian cultures developed heiau as an integral part of society.

There are different types of *heiau* for different purposes centered on religious devotion. Among these are māpele: a type of heiau devoted to the worship of gods associated with agriculture; *luakini*: a type of *heiau* devoted to the worship of gods associated with governance, politics, and war; and **pu'uhonua**: a type of heiau dedicated to the protection of the populace in times of war or mediation with regards to the breaking of laws.

described above, 19th century crops in Hawaiian society),



